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**HONGKONG'S  
MILLSTONE**

A CORRESPONDENT'S  
assertion that an im-  
partial commission of in-  
quiry is needed to in-  
vestigate corruption, will  
be received with wide  
approval. The extent of this  
evil, more than any other,  
is our greatest cause for  
shame. For all that is  
admirable in this Colony,  
for all our dazzling pros-  
perity, the great achieve-  
ments of Government and  
the genuine hard work  
that has gone into making  
Hongkong the place it is  
today, corruption is the  
millstone around its neck,  
dragging us down and down.  
It is impossible to exaggerate  
its incidence and perhaps  
the only reason Govern-  
ment could offer for not  
holding a public inquiry is  
that the resultant scandal  
and shock would rock  
Hongkong to its founda-  
tions. The correspondent is  
quite right when he says  
that Government could never  
successfully carry out such  
an investigation for there  
are few who would dare to  
probe it to its true depths.  
It is not confined to any  
particular strata of society  
or department of adminis-  
tration. At its highest level,  
fortunes are passed over  
for favours, and at its  
lowest, the odd dollar or  
so as "tea money". More-  
over the action Government  
takes either through pro-  
secution in courts or  
through private investi-  
gating individuals will  
never get to the heart of  
the matter. Nor is it enough  
to be sure of a morally  
strong civil service to deal  
with this problem. For any  
Government official in a  
position of influence will  
tell that bribes of one kind  
or another are not offered  
singly or occasionally, but  
come in a non-stop barrage,  
and it takes the strongest  
of wills to resist.  
Not only direct, blatant  
money offers made, but  
gifts of all kinds, presents  
for the children, jewellery  
for the wives, little kind-  
nesses and favours, Christ-  
mas and Chinese New Year  
presents. It is so much of  
a part of the Chinese way  
of life that it has come to  
be accepted as local custom.  
And the difficulty of proving  
corruption demonstrated in  
local courts over and over again.  
If there is any orthodox  
solution it must begin with  
a restatement of moral  
values and a basic re-  
education of the entire  
community.  
If, as our correspondent  
suggests, China has suc-  
cessfully dealt with the  
problem, it has done so  
with the help of the firing  
squad and a court whose  
function is to condemn  
instead of judge. There is  
the core of the problem.  
Corruption in Hongkong  
thrives on the inability of  
the law to deal with it.  
Corruption exploits a system  
of justice which is foreign  
to the land in which it  
operates and which was  
designed for a different  
mental climate and for  
people with different moral  
ideas. In short, we are  
fighting the evil with the  
wrong weapons.  
Yet what are the right ones?  
Ruthlessness, arbitrariness,  
the fear of death? Surely  
these are equally repugnant.  
But perhaps Hongkong  
needs the shock that a truly  
impartial investigation  
could give. Perhaps we have  
been telling ourselves how  
good we are for too long.  
And it would be a change  
for us as well as others to  
know how really rotten we  
are. Perhaps only then will  
Hongkong be driven by  
shame and desperation to  
work out useful methods of  
correction.

# French farmers object to agricultural prices DE GAULLE POLICY SPARKS RIOT

## Thousands clash with police: over 100 hurt

Amiens, Feb. 11.  
Hundreds of riot police fought a three-hour  
street battle today with 25,000 farmers  
protesting the farm price policy of Pre-  
sident Charles De Gaulle.  
About 122 were injured.

## New swoop on Chinese in Canada

Vancouver, Feb. 11.  
Royal Canadian Mounted  
Police have swooped down  
on four offices and four  
private homes in raids  
designed to halt illegal  
entry of Chinese into  
Canada, it was announced  
today.

A Police spokesman said the  
raids were staged here yester-  
day. He said the Mounted,  
armed with search warrants,  
seized papers and other records  
pertaining to the illegal traffic  
which informed sources said  
originated in Hongkong.

Two Chinese, one born in  
Vancouver, were arrested in  
connection with a scheme to  
bring Chinese women and  
children into Canada illegally.  
Immigration officials in  
Ottawa said later that a "coolie  
racket" was being operated  
between Hongkong and Van-  
couver to transport Chinese  
slave labour.—UPI.

### HK comment

Mr D. E. J. Denault, Super-  
intendent of the Canadian Im-  
migration Office in Hongkong,  
told the China Mail this morn-  
ing that investigation has been  
going on for many months.  
"Any result from the investi-  
gation or comment will originate  
from our headquarters back in  
Canada," he said so because he  
was not in a position to disclose  
further.  
He said there is no quota for  
Chinese to enter Canada now  
except those who qualify under  
a provision of Canadian Immi-  
gration law.  
It stipulates that any  
Canadian residents of Chinese  
origin can apply for admission  
of their wives, husbands, all  
unmarried children under 21,  
fathers over 65 and mothers  
over 60.  
He said most Chinese in  
Canada are Cantonese.  
However, he had not heard  
of anything like the "coolie  
racket" smuggling slave labour  
into Canada as reported in the  
press.  
But he said that "we are well  
aware of the illegal traffic  
which has been going on for a  
long time."

## BRITAIN PREPARES FOR 'S' DAY

London, Feb. 11.  
Britain today made plans to  
keep the nation moving from  
midnight on Sunday when a  
nation-wide railway strike is  
due to begin.  
Every means of transport from  
bicycles to river boats will be  
brought into force to bring  
workers to their jobs and  
keep industry going.  
Police in London and other big  
cities have drawn up elaborate  
schemes to prevent traffic  
chaos as hundreds of thou-  
sands pour into towns in their  
own cars.  
The Government is reported to  
be confident for the time  
being at least about such  
essential supplies as oil and  
coal and fuel to the power  
stations.  
After hours of negotiation today

the deadlock over increased  
wages between the railway-  
men and the British Transport  
Commission, which runs the  
state-owned system, was still  
unbroken.  
The National Union of Rail-  
waymen is demanding a hard  
cash offer from the manage-  
ment.  
Tonight the Union's general  
secretary, Mr Sidney Greene,  
named noon tomorrow as the  
deadline for such an offer if  
the strike is to be called off.  
After he and a delegation had  
talked with the Ministry of  
Labour's chief industry  
secretary, Mr Peter St.  
John Wilson, the Union  
leader said, "Our position is  
unaltered. We want hard  
cash. No one has made any

## HK's Footballer of the Year

The China Mail once again extends to the public an  
invitation to nominate, by popularity poll, Hong-  
kong's Footballer of the Year.  
A simple coupon, which can be filled up in one minute,  
will be found in this issue on page 9. The  
coupon will continue to be published daily on one  
of the China Mail sports pages until the closing  
date for the nomination is announced.  
This is the seventh annual Footballer of the Year poll  
sponsored and organised by the China Mail. It  
has proved increasingly popular since its incep-  
tion and has won wide public support.  
Two guiding qualifications for nomination are playing  
ability and sportsmanship on the field of play.  
The winner will, in due course, be presented with an  
inscribed silver cup presented by the China Mail.  
Send in your nomination NOW for Hongkong's  
Footballer of the Year.

## A-weapons for West Germany

**TREATED AS EQUAL  
IN NATO ALLIANCE**

London, Feb. 11.  
The House of Commons tonight endorsed  
the British Government's policy of  
treating West Germany as an equal  
Nato ally entitled to have the weapons  
available to the alliance.

It rejected by a majority of 89  
a Labour motion censuring the  
government's policy towards  
Germany on nuclear weapons.  
The voting at the end of a  
two-day debate, was 322 to 233.  
Mr Hugh Gaitskell, the  
Labour leader, contended that  
to give West Germany nuclear  
weapons, even without control  
of the warheads, before the  
Paris summit meeting would  
prejudice the conference.

### Lloyd's reply

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign  
Secretary, made these points in  
reply to the debate:  
"Full British support for  
today's American proposals for  
partial nuclear test ban."  
"The personality of Mr  
Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet  
Prime Minister, had largely  
contributed to the progress being  
made with Russia towards  
peaceful co-existence."  
"The suicide of world war  
was accepted and 'we must  
have no more brinkmanship.'  
"It was possible and desir-  
able to negotiate a Berlin agree-  
ment to improve the situation  
there. If this were an interim  
one it would have to recognise  
the West's fundamental rights  
in the city."  
Warning against the dangers  
of a neutralised Germany trying  
to play off East against West,  
Mr Lloyd said it was much safer  
to have her associated in a free  
alliance of Western partners.  
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### Germany's right

Mr Harold Watkinson, Minis-  
ter of Defence, who resumed  
the debate today, also defended  
West Germany's right to have  
nuclear weapons without control  
of the warheads.  
British forces, he said, had  
the "Corporal" an artillery  
substitute missile with a range  
of about 75 miles whereas the  
Germans had only "Honest  
John", an artillery substitute  
weapon with a range of under  
20 miles.  
As far as he could ascertain  
Germany would have no other  
types of operational missiles  
for at least the rest of this year.  
—Reuter.

## K WANTS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Rome, Feb. 11.  
Premier Nikita Khrushchev  
has reportedly put forward his  
candidate for the 1960 Nobel  
Peace Prize according to a dis-  
patch by the Italian Corriere  
late news agency correspondent  
in Prague.—AP.

## Lancashire hears of HK "ban on Chinese imports"

A British textile chief was reported today  
to have said in Manchester that "there  
was a complete ban on the importation  
of Chinese cloth in Hongkong."

Mr Kenneth O. Boardman  
went on to say that "should the  
Hongkong Government allow un-  
limited imports from Communist  
China then the Hongkong spin-  
ning and weaving industry  
would be virtually obliterated  
within the next 12 months."  
But in Hongkong this morn-  
ing Mr Boardman's statement  
about the ban was denied.  
An authoritative source said:  
"There is no restriction on im-  
ports of cotton goods from Main-  
land China."  
"Imports from China are a  
danger to the local industry but  
we can do nothing about it in  
the way of tariff."  
In 1959, cotton piece goods of  
all sorts imported from China  
totalled 126,183,430 square  
yards valued at almost \$110  
million.  
This represented 37 per cent  
of Hongkong's production.  
Mr Kenneth O. Boardman,  
Chairman of a group of Lan-  
cashire mills called for a five-  
year quota on imports of Com-  
monwealth cotton goods, accord-  
ing to a Reuter cable from Man-  
chester.  
He said "the amount of cloth  
imported by Britain should be  
reasonably controlled."  
"The reorganisation of the  
industry is likely to cost in the  
region of £50 million and those  
firms now remaining in the in-  
dustry are committed to pay  
a sizable levy for the next ten  
years."  
"As we have ten years to pay  
we must have ten years of rea-  
sonable opportunity to work."

### Protection

"Some protection for the  
Lancashire textile industry is  
as important to her as to other  
textile producing countries," he  
went on.  
The Cotton Board, he said,  
made a grave error in agreeing  
to unlimited imports of gar-  
ments within the cloth quota  
ceiling. The next two years  
would undoubtedly show a  
heavy increase in this trade.  
Mr Boardman held out a shirt  
made in Hongkong landed in  
Britain at a cost of 7/6 and sold  
in the shops at 12/6.  
"I doubt if a similar shirt of  
British manufacture could be  
offered by retailers at less than  
25/-," he said.

### HK's ingenuity

"Hongkong textile productions  
are these which are mainly  
feared by Lancashire," he went  
on.  
"Yet one cannot help but  
admire the boundless ingenuity  
and breathtaking efficiency of  
this Colony which in the course  
of ten years has become the  
wonder of the textile world."  
Communist China was send-  
ing to Britain textiles of the  
highest quality and the remark-  
ably low price of her cloth  
made her the outstanding textile  
producer in the world today.—  
Reuter.

## CONSTABLES BRUISED MY ARM, HEWETT TELLS COURT

D. W. G. Hewett, an accountant of the Chartered Bank,  
told Mr J. T. Morris at Central Magistracy this  
morning that he got a bruised arm as a result of  
rough handling by two police constables.

Hewett is facing three sum-  
monses for dangerous driving,  
driving while under the influence  
of drink and using abusive  
language to two police con-  
stables.

Cross-examined by Mr Simon  
F. S. L. Crown Counsel, he said  
he was very angry at the way  
the constables treated him.

"I could not understand  
what was happening when  
they grabbed hold of me by  
the arms and made me walk."  
"I had not done anything  
wrong," Hewett said.  
Hearing continues.

## 40 years a secretary



Miss Alla Clary, secretary  
and "right hand" to  
American Congressman  
Sam Rayburn for the past  
forty years, is at present  
visiting the Colony.  
Miss Clary, who describes  
herself as "the oldest in-  
habitant of the Congress-  
ional office" arrived yester-  
day on the President  
Adams.  
Miss Clary was met by APL  
manager and wife Mr and  
Mrs E. P. Marshall, who are  
taking her on a sightsee-  
ing and shopping expedi-  
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tion of Hongkong.  
She will leave for Saigon to-  
morrow after which she  
will be returning to home  
in Falls Church, Virginia.

## Cash sweep first prize \$1 million

Approximately 2,500-  
000 tickets have been  
sold so far in the  
Pearce Memorial Cash  
Sweep, the Hongkong  
Jockey Club's treasurers  
announced today.  
The treasurers added  
that prize money will  
be around the \$1,000-  
000 mark on the basis  
of latest sales.

## STOP PRESS

## Macao latest

The Portuguese Consul-  
General in Hongkong, Dr  
Joao Peguile, dismissed the  
London report that Macao  
may be handed over to  
China as "completely un-  
founded."  
"There is absolutely no  
truth in it," he told the  
China Mail this afternoon.  
"Macao is a Portuguese  
Province and as such we  
cannot part with it."  
Referring to the Portu-  
guese mission to Peking  
mentioned in the report, Dr  
Peguile said, "The Mission  
was completely a private one  
consisting of private citizens  
going to China for a visit."  
"It had nothing to do with  
official matters."  
"And that so-called secret  
negotiation for establishment  
of diplomatic relations be-  
tween Lisbon and Peking is  
entirely baseless."

Macao, Feb. 12.  
Fu Tak-yim, millionaire  
gambling magnate, reported  
to have paid between  
HK\$25,000 and \$50,000 for  
nephew Ho Lai-sun's release  
by Communist Chinese.—  
UPI.







# Medicine-men form own association

## NO CONFUSION WITH WITCH-DOCTORS

Salisbury, Feb. 11.

The "medicine-men" of the Rhodesian Federation have caught the prevailing African fever for unity and a common front.

## Search for missing British journalist

Adelaide, Feb. 11.

Australian police have begun a search for a British journalist whom they believe is missing somewhere in the 1,000-mile stretch of central Australian desert between Adelaide and Alice Springs.

The journalist, Mr. Alan Ivor Edmunds, aged 29 of Portsmouth has not been heard of for five months.

The last known contact with Mr. Edmunds was on September 7, 1959 when he sent a postcard to his father in Portsmouth which read:

"A thousand miles in three days two hops. Doing fine. Weather much cooler, leaving on the 11.45 a.m. camel for Adelaide."

Police have been told he was beginning a hitch-hike from Alice Springs to Adelaide at this time.

Mr. Edmunds left England in 1958 on a two-year working holiday to gather information for a book.

Mr. Edmunds' father became alarmed when regular mail from his son stopped. The missing Briton is believed to be carrying an international press card and a British Legion membership card. South Australian State Police are co-operating with the Commonwealth Investigation Service in the search.—China Mail Special.

They have formed the African Herbalists Association of Central Africa with a potential membership of 2,000. Among their aims are:

- To standardise cures for stomach pains, rheumatism, sterility, impotence, madness and other ills;
- To fix standard fees for consultation and treatment;
- To issue certificates of competence for accredited medicine-men;
- To publish a book on the principles and practice of African medicine.

## Ngangas

In the Federation medicine-men are called "ngangas" and are not to be confused with witch-doctors.

The chief ngangas, Dr. K. M. Gumbura, says that part of the ngangas' job is to undo the harm done by witchdoctors. He is the founder of the new association and hopes to get big support.

He has another big job on hand. He is travelling through Central Africa collecting specimens of native remedies for the National Association of Medical Herbalists of Great Britain.

Dr. Gumbura says they will submit them to laboratory analysis and that they hope to find new ways of treating disease.

## Imagination

Dr. Gumbura brought his collection to Salisbury. It was labelled and docketed with the names and uses of specimens.

One of them was a cure for being "possessed of devils." It is left to the imagination what the British laboratories will do with that one.—China Mail Special.

## U.S. anti-sub equipment for Argentina

Washington, Feb. 11. The Navy said today the United States is sending depth charges and electronic equipment to help Argentina attack an unidentified submarine.

The Navy said the material was being flown to Argentina and was expected to arrive this weekend.

"No U.S. Navy ships, aircraft, or personnel will be operating with the Argentine Navy," the announcement said.

Argentina is buying the equipment under the mutual security act.

The Navy said the purchases included aircraft, flares, depth charges, sonar-buoys, electronic spare parts, and electrical test equipment.—UPI.

## Murder of nightclub owner

Fourth man accused

London, Feb. 11.

A fourth person was accused in court today of murdering a nightclub owner found shot in the head last weekend outside a club.

Nash, 36, was charged with the murder of Selwyn Cooney, who ran a nightclub in the Soho district of London's west end.

He was remanded until next Tuesday, when he will appear in court with two other men and a red-haired woman who have already been accused of the slaying.

The court was told that Nash had voluntarily reported to a police station today. His lawyer had said at the station that Nash denied the charge and was not guilty.—China Mail Special.

## Take-over

Manila, Feb. 11.

The Far East Publishing Corporation today announced it had purchased the Evening News, a Manila daily, from the Luzon Stevedoring Corporation. There will be no change in the management or staff.—AP.

## Libel judgment AIR MARSHAL'S BOOK NOT DEFAMATORY

London, Feb. 11.

Australian-born Air Vice-Marshal Donald Bennett, founder of Britain's "Pathfinder" squadrons in World War II, was given judgment with costs today in a libel action brought against him by another Air Vice-Marshal.

After a 50-minute retirement, a High Court jury found that words complained of in his book "Pathfinder" were not defamatory to Air Vice-Marshal William Ernest Station, the plaintiff.

Air Vice-Marshal Station had complained that references in the book to meetings between the two officers at Leamington, Yorkshire, where the plaintiff was station commander, and earlier in Montreal were invented "to smear his reputation."

Air Vice-Marshal Bennett, conducting his own defence, denied defamation and claimed that what he wrote was true.

Mr. Justice Slade, summing up, said that in law the words complained of were capable of a defamatory meaning. It was for the jury to decide.

He suggested that if they found in favour of Air Vice-Marshal Station the damages should be modest. It was a dirty, sneering libel and not a grave one, he added.

NAUGHTY SCHOOLBOY Referring to the Montreal meeting between the two men, when Air Vice-Marshal Station was a civilian, the judge asked: "Do you think that an officer of the rank of Group Captain meeting for the first time, coming to his own evidence, a civilian no less than in operational command of the Atlantic ferry organisation could forget being ordered out of his office like a naughty schoolboy for appearing in shorts?"

His Lordship told the jury to ignore the fact that the publishers of the book had apologised and paid £100 to Air Vice-Marshal Station.

After the case, Air Vice-Marshal Bennett said: "I am greatly relieved. I shall now get a good night's rest."

"It has been very worrying," Air Vice-Marshal Station commented. "I am rather disappointed."—China Mail Special.

## Says he won pools

London, Feb. 11.

A 37-year-old London building contractor who claims he should have won £75,000 on a football pool but was paid nothing, has appealed to his Member of Parliament for help.

The contractor, Mr. Patrick Dermody, claims that he should have won the money for 45 winning lines on a treble chance pool on Boxing Day.

He said that when he put in a claim to the pools company they told him that they had not received his coupon.

## 20 OTHERS

A letter check established that the postal order which Dermody had purchased had not been paid in anywhere.

Dermody has told Conservative MP, Mr. R. Gresham Cooke that he has had 20 letters from other pools fans claiming that the same sort of misfortune has happened to them.

"I have given up all hope of getting my money myself. Now I want Mr. Cooke to raise the whole matter of these lost dividends in Parliament," he said.—China Mail Special.

## Chauffeur's missing wife

# JUDGE'S THREAT TO JAIL LAWYER FOR CONTEMPT

New York, Feb. 11.

A Supreme Court judge today ordered the lawyer for missing Mrs. Helma Porumbanu, to disclose her whereabouts by 3 p.m. or face a possible contempt charge.

The lawyer, Mr. Robert Hoffman, had insisted that Mrs. Porumbanu, wife of Andrei Porumbanu, was not being charged by her father, Mr. Fritz Schneckert, but Mr. Justice J. Gavanagh refused to accept his explanation.

The judge said: "I want to know where she is."

Mr. Justice Gavanagh also rejected an offer by Hoffman to take the jurist to see Mrs. Porumbanu and her daughter, Georgette, 10.

## TAPE RECORDING

Earlier a tape recording had been played in court in which the voice of the missing woman begged her father to understand her wish to remain in hiding.

The white-haired father flew from Germany to take part in the proceedings.

Mr. Schneckert listened with tears in his eyes when his daughter's voice, soft and in German, came from the recording machine operated by Hoffman on the witness stand.

"I ask you, dear papa, to understand the extent of this situation," she said.

She said that "everything is well with us."

She said she preferred to tell her ten-year-old daughter nothing about Andrei's involvement with the 19-year-old Gamble Benedict, and to shield her from publicity.

Ten-year-old Georgette also spoke to her grandfather. She said, "I love you very much. I hope to see you soon. I go swimming and I go ice-skating. I have a nice bird and he can speak a word."—AP.

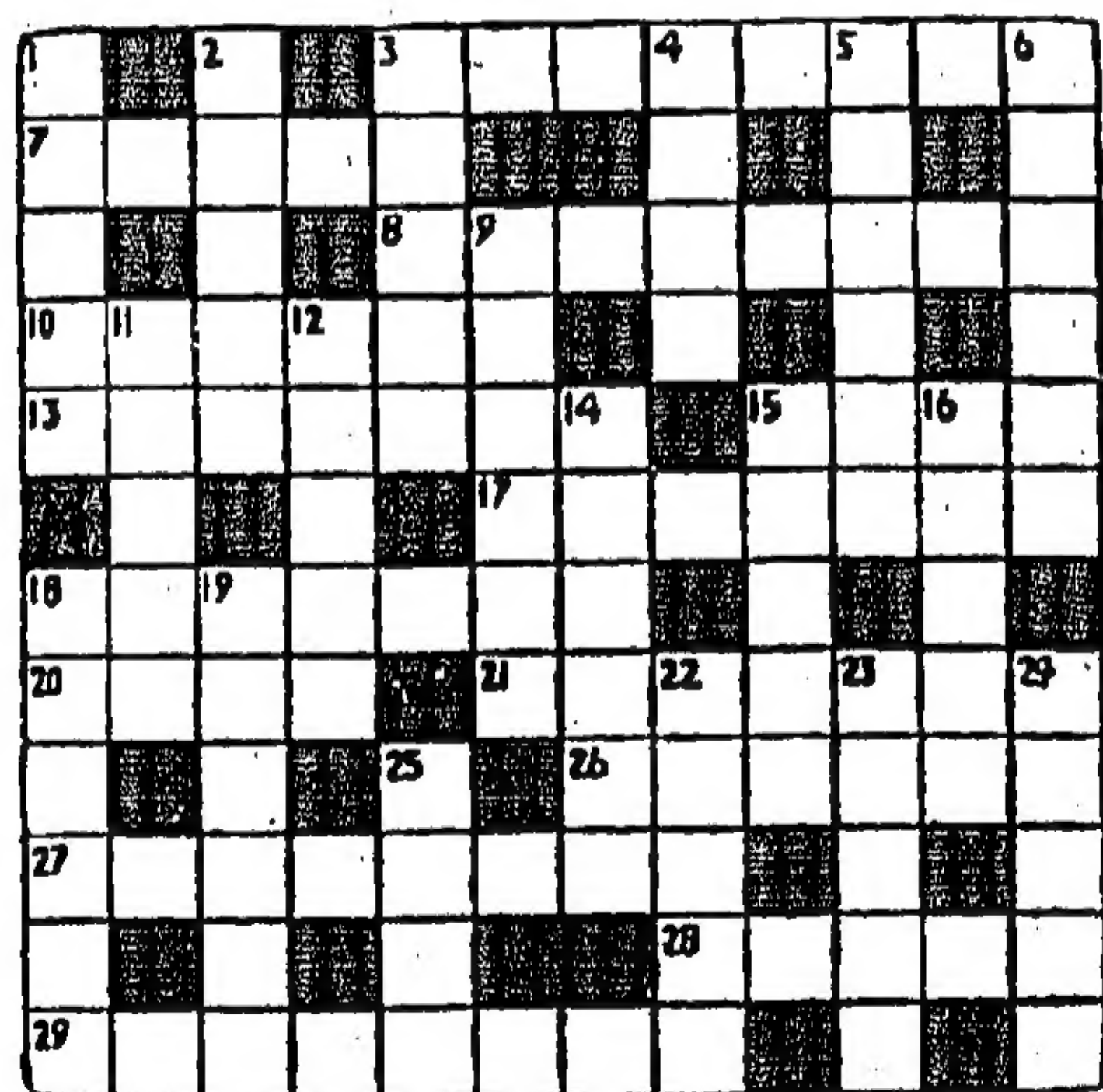
## Missed haul

Colombo, Feb. 11.

Two runmen who robbed a running express train outside Colombo yesterday and got away with two mailbags missed a haul of 200,000 rupees (£16,000) in wages.

Police said today the stolen mailbags contained only stamps and ordinary mail. The pay packets were in a bag tucked away in the guards van.—Reuters.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Like Captain Hook, or his first letter! (8)
  - It has its downs, of course. (6)
  - Ruskie; Indian city before reinform. (8)
  - Seaport gives us poems with sex appeal. (6)
  - Public performer. (7)
  - Little Thomas might be shot. (4)
  - Normal abode. (7)
  - Ne'er-do-well. (7)
  - Often associated with crafts. (4)
  - Clever retort. (7)
  - Not existing—like a homeless bird? (3, 3)
  - Said to be a lottery. (8)
  - Not Alexander the Great. (5)
  - Knavish military confederate. (6)
- DOWN**
- City of no age? Surely, that's wrong! (5)
  - Tessa's back is no liability! (6)
  - Gather in quantity. (5)
  - Otherwise Persia. (4)
  - Burning to come down to earth. (6)
  - Sterne's Christian name? (6)
  - Make a collection. (6)
  - A penny back? How dismal! (5)
  - Sorts things out. (5)
  - Where we get a genial change rather than a complete cure! (6)
  - I'm not an Athenian—but he was. (6)
  - Kilns. (5)
  - It's near Deni. (6)
  - Sometimes associated with its. (8)
  - Collective poetry. (5)
  - Anne's turned up for some medication. (5)
  - Alcoholic girl? (5)
  - Singer who's the reverse of of greedy. (4)

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Poplar, 5 Ocean, 8 Nerve(s), 9 Sarcas, 10 Ebb(s), 11 Antra, 12 Trim, 13 Altar, 16 Hiale, 18 Lancel, 20 Evens, 22 Vera, 23 Sep-I-a(rdy), 25 Cubit, 26 (Crown and) Anchor, 27 Still, 28 Stale, 29 Searched. Down: 1 Positive, 2 P-article, 3 Anna, 4 Redden, 5 Overall, 6 Cob-alt, 7 Arena, 14 To-get-her, 15 Repaired, 16 Rosette, 17 Aerials, 18 Islet, 21 Vault, 24 Antio.

## Life in Hawaii 'sloppy,' says HK student

By WILLIAM MIAO

Honolulu, Feb. 11.

A Hongkong delegate to the four-week Afro-Asian student leader seminar at the University of Hawaii said today that he was shocked by the informal American way of life in the 50th state.

David Cheung, 21-year-old senior in sociology at Hongkong Baptist College, was interviewed by United Press International. "Here people are wearing slippers on the University campus and in the streets! You don't find this at the University of Hongkong or other colleges there," Cheung said.

## SLOPPY

In his opinion, he added, the informal way of life is no good. "It's sloppy," he said. "Look at the campus; it just doesn't look right. We Chinese are not used to this kind of life."

Cheung told his friends here that in Hongkong the fast-growing population is the leading problem. "People now are paying attention to birth control, because housing, medical, employment and educational problems all follow from the population growth," he said.

From a student's viewpoint, he said, Hongkong's greatest need is for a second government-recognized university.

The Hongkong delegate said that after his return to the Colony he would give a couple of talks at his college, or at some other schools.—UPI.

**Good for hair** Spartanburg, Feb. 11. Probable Judge William Davenport's gray hair is turning black. The Judge yesterday accepted the change to his health diet which includes vitamins and sunflower seeds.—UPI.

## Bishop defied Japanese

Blackburn, Feb. 11.

The Church of England Bishop of Blackburn, Dr. W. H. Baddley, died here tonight after a long illness. He was 68.

He was known as "the bishop who defied the Japanese." He was appointed Bishop of Melanesia in the Solomon Islands in 1932 and when the Japanese overran the Pacific his courage and leadership earned him a special mention in the official narrative of the war in the Pacific.

He was awarded the US Medal of Freedom.—Reuters.

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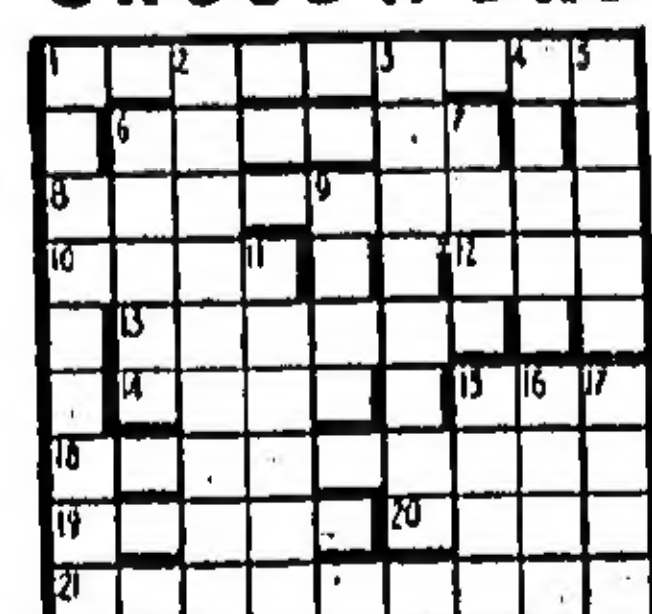
If a new Bill becomes law,  
not only motorists but  
pedestrians will have to submit  
to drink tests.

We now come to stray cats  
with too much milk in their  
bloodstream, and dogs half  
stupefied with food. Even a  
cow, after an excess of fodder,  
may cross a road carelessly. As  
a spokesman in touch with  
authoritative lunacy has well  
said: "Not until the blood-  
stream of the entire nation,  
human beings and animals, is  
an open book can we rest  
assured that there will be no  
traffic casualties." A bewildered  
motorist has suggested to me a  
"bloodstream slogan": "The  
wages of gin is death."

**In passing**  
A NUMBER of noses are being  
cut off to spite foolish faces.  
Some well-meaning people who  
swallow all the sensational and  
deplorably inaccurate accounts  
of the shipping of horses  
announce that they will spend  
no more holidays in Ireland or  
France. Since there is no  
country on this earth where  
animals (and human beings)  
can escape suffering, where will  
these people go, when our  
treatment of certain animals we  
do not care about very much,  
forces them to leave England?

**A hint**  
A PIERCING cry of distress—  
"Nothing will cure the  
target."

## CROSSWORD



1. Print up to anagram (8-3)  
2. Friendly (6)  
3. Low sound (10)  
4. Play a (10)  
5. Divided (4)  
6. Girl's name (10)  
7. Offshore (10)  
8. Part of the leg (6)  
9. Oats (4)  
10. Down  
11. Transport cargo (10)  
12. Birds (5)  
13. A (10)  
14. Weight (5)  
15. A (10)  
16. A (10)  
17. A (10)  
18. A (10)  
19. A (10)  
20. A (10)



FILIPPO FERRARO

## The West End's wizard... how lonely now...

A MAN whose name was once a legend with  
a royalty, and a symbol throughout the world  
of good living, lies desperately sick and forgotten  
in the public ward of a Chelsea hospital.

He is 74-year-old Signor  
Filippo Ferraro, the Italian who  
came from Sorrento nearly 60  
years ago and became perhaps  
the best-known and highest-  
paid restaurateur of all.

It was he, as restaurant man-  
ager of the Berkeley Hotel, who  
looked after the Duke of York  
—later to become King George VI—  
the night he became engaged to  
Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, now the Queen  
Mother. He was the confidant of dukes  
and earls; well known to the  
Duchess of Kent, the Duke of  
Windor.



He served them all at table  
33—discreetly placed in an  
alcove of the restaurant.  
Now he is paralysed and  
scarcely able to speak.

## 'Too generous'

And his 52-year-old son  
Vincent, a Professor of Mathe-  
matics at London University,  
told me: "He is by no means a  
wealthy man."

He was far too generous for  
that."

It was, in fact, Ferraro's habit  
to pay on occasion for the  
expensive meals that his young  
gentlemen clients temporarily  
out of funds were unable to  
afford. It undoubtedly won  
him many customers.  
"But I am afraid that in the  
main he has been forgotten,"  
says his son. "Only one or two  
of his old customers have been  
to see him."

No doubt, as Signor Ferraro  
lies in the Pukstan ward of St  
Luke's Hospital he reflects on  
the days that made him famous  
—when it was his boast that he  
knew 1,000 names and 3,000  
faces.

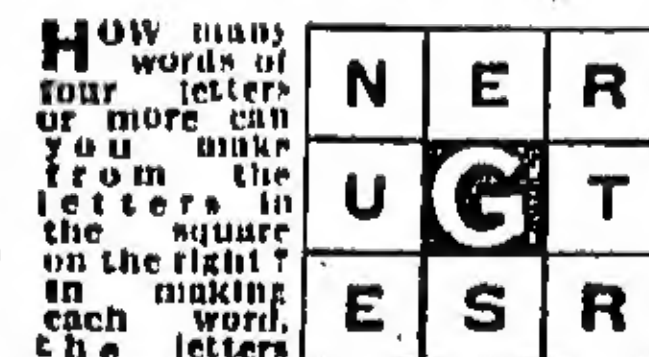
He wrote a book about it all  
—From Candlelight to Flash-  
light."

## His formula

He has attended to the needs  
of most of the Royal Family.  
The late King was in his  
restaurant the night before the  
Abdication.

His formula for success is far  
from simple. "A maître d'hôtel  
must be an actor, a magician,  
an ambassador, a ready-  
reckoner, and a psychologist,"  
he once said.  
It is sad to see the old magic  
so quickly forgotten.

## TARGET



How many words can you find  
in the target? The words are  
in the grid. The words are:  
N, E, R, U, G, T, E, S, R.  
The words are: NER, UGT, ESR.  
The words are: NER, UGT, ESR.

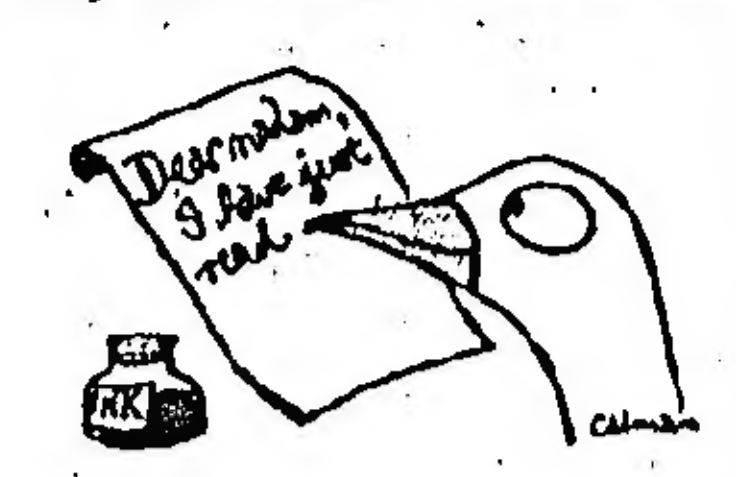
## BIBLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

He hath said in his heart I  
shall not be moved, for I shall  
never be in adversity.—Psalms  
10:10.

Many people have thought  
that, and later have found  
themselves greatly mistaken.  
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## IN A SPOT

LADY CAREY COKE has a  
substantial dollar order in  
her grasp for the business run  
by her mother, the Countess of  
Leinster.  
But I fear the whole thing  
may fall through. And all for



want of a handful of goose-  
feathers.  
The order arrived with a  
breezy young American buyer  
who visited the stall Lady  
Carey is managing with her  
mother at the fancy goods fair  
at Blackpool.  
He wanted a sample of some  
but pens topped by long  
Canadian goose quills. A large  
order, he suggested, might  
follow.  
This left Lady Carey in a  
spot. The feathers came from  
geese on the family estate at  
Holkham Hall, in Norfolk.  
But the geese don't moult again  
until July.

DRIVEN further and further  
south by rain and  
snowstorms—she is now on  
her way to Lagos in search  
of sun — Princess Berna-  
dette of Sweden is blaming  
everything on the atom  
bomb and writing to Profes-  
sor John Ball, the  
British atom scientist, to  
complain.

## SURPRISE

LORD BOOTHBY had a sur-  
prise for his English  
listeners when he said grace at  
a Foyles' lunch. He gave them  
Burns's version—the Sol Kirk  
Grace—in a broad Scots accent.  
For non-Scots here it is—  
Some hae meat, but canna eat,  
And some wad eat that wad it.  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
And that's the way to bring us a't.

And so the Lord be thanked.  
The only grace worth say-  
ing," comments Lord Boothby.  
"I always say it." But it baffled  
his fellow top-table, oil  
magnate Mr Paul Getty.  
"I'm sorry to say I didn't  
understand it," Mr Getty told  
me. "But it brought the house  
down."

Mr Jo Grimond, the Liberal  
Party leader, got a big laugh.  
He said that he and Lord  
Boothby were born in the same  
house in Abbotsford Crescent,  
St Andrews, and added: "If all  
goes well they will be the last  
births in the house. It is now a  
girls' hostel."

## MISERABLE

THE last time I spoke to Sir  
Dudley and Lady Cunliffe-  
Owen they had just returned.



from their summer holidays.  
And they were pretty miserable.  
They had returned home early  
because their yacht Maudraic  
had broken down twice — with  
engine trouble, first at Rouen,  
then in Paris.

A few days ago they set off  
from their home in Jersey for  
a winter holiday at St Moritz.  
They are back already. Feeling  
pretty miserable.

"The weather was simply  
frightful," says Lady Cunliffe-  
Owen. "It did nothing but snow,  
snow, snow."  
They plan to stay in Jersey  
for a few days and, when the  
St Moritz weather report is a  
little sunnier, go back there and  
try again.

This they can easily afford,  
since Sir Dudley is a tobacco  
millionaire.

## FILMS AND NIGHT SPOTS

**FILMS**  
KING'S & PRINCESS: "Tempest,"  
starring Silvana Mangano, Van  
Heflin, Geoffrey Horne.  
HOOPER & GALT: "The Rickshaw  
Man" (starring Japanese film  
with English sub-titles).  
HOLLY & WIDOW: (At 2.30 &  
8.30 p.m.) "South Pacific" in Todd-  
AO, starring Rossano Brazzi, Mimi  
Goyner, John Kerr and France  
Nyren.  
LEE: "Kiss Me, Kate" starring Rock  
Hudson and Doris Day.  
ASTOR: "Madame Lulu" starring  
a Chinese classical dance film.  
ROYAL: "Walt Disney's 'Sleeping  
Beauty'" starring Mary Blair.  
STATE & CITY: "A Summer Place,"  
starring Sandra Dee.  
ORIENTAL: "MAJESTIC: 'AI  
Capone'" starring Red Steiger and  
Fay Spain.  
CAPTOL: (At 9.30 p.m.) "Utamaro,"  
Japanese film with English and  
Chinese sub-titles. Also 2 Japanese  
actresses on the stage.  
PARAMOUNT: "The Thin Red Line"  
starring Burt Lancaster.  
STARS: "Man From Rio" starring  
Jing Anthony Quinn and Kay  
Jurado.

## Exemption refused because of school on premises

The merits of modern six-storey tenements  
did not outweigh the possible eviction  
of 200 children from the Pui Man  
School, Mr J. E. Dargan, Tenancy Tri-  
bunal President, said this morning.  
The Tribunal refused an exemption applica-  
tion.

The president said that he  
and his colleagues, Mr D. S.  
Hill and Mr D. Z. Woo, had to  
decide whether the scheme to  
replace 282-290 Leitch Road  
at a cost of \$370,000 was in the  
public interest.

"One of the heaviest tasks  
facing the Government of this  
Colony is the provision of  
sufficient educational establish-  
ments for the young people.  
No less than 53 per cent of the  
total school enrolment here is  
with private schools in charge  
of 225,215 children.

"The school is the Pui Man  
School on the second floor  
of four of these five houses.  
Mindful of the possibility of  
over 200 pupils being deprived  
of their schooling even tem-  
porarily we gave this applica-  
tion most anxious scrutiny."

Mr Dargan spoke of the  
inspection of the premises by the  
Tribunal. No dry rot had been  
found and the condition of the  
35-year-old buildings appeared  
to be better than that of similar  
houses in the locality.  
"The school consisted of four  
large classrooms and two offices,  
clean and well-cared for, pro-  
vided with six dry latrines. In  
all the circumstances, we feel  
that the school premises are rea-  
sonably satisfactory and we  
have borne in mind that the  
premises are inspected regularly  
by officers of the Education De-  
partment.

"We should like to add to  
this," he continued, "We wish  
nothing we have said to be taken  
as a sign of condoning what ap-  
pears to be an illegal school  
carried on by the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Chinese Education  
Association on the first  
floor of No. 288.

## Unsanitary

"There we saw 85 small  
children packed together in one  
room where there were no  
sanitary provisions of any kind.  
The motive underlying this  
congregation may be commend-  
able but the result is deplorable  
and we hope that steps will  
immediately be taken to put  
things right," he concluded.

## The 17-21 Club's first contest!

THE China Mail's page  
for youth, launched  
last week, tomorrow starts  
its first contest. Based on a  
theme which has been  
widely publicised this year  
—in Hongkong and abroad  
—the contest offers a chal-  
lenge to all young readers.  
Cash prizes will be offered to  
the best three entries. Read the  
full details in tomorrow's issue  
of the 17-21 Club page.

Of special interest to young  
men and women is this week's  
Career Corner by reporter David  
Lan, who has written an in-  
formative and vividly descriptive  
article on an exciting career that  
beckons to Hongkong's youth —  
lying as crew members on air-  
liners.  
And there's more — much  
more for our young readers.  
Notes on Notes by Carl Myatt,  
the Hit Parade by Ted Thomas,  
Fashion by Anne Bastick, con-  
tributions from members...  
these are only some of the  
highlights!

## Radio concert

The Hungarian-born com-  
poser, pianist, and conductor  
Erno Dohnanyi died in New  
York last night at the age of  
82. In recognition of his con-  
tribution to music during his  
lifetime, Radio Hongkong is  
broadcasting at 8.15 p.m. a  
concert of a few of his best  
known works, including the  
Suite for Orchestra Op. 19.

## ATTEMPTED TO FORCE MARRIAGE

A 51-year-old unemployed  
man who attempted to  
force a woman to marry  
him at the threat of re-  
vealing her personal  
affairs was placed on a  
\$500 one year good be-  
haviour bond, by Mr B. V.  
Rhodes at Kowloon Court  
this morning.

Before the court was Poon  
Hak-shu of Hut 102, Section 8  
Ngau Gau Kok Resettlement  
Area who pleaded guilty to a  
charge of criminal intimidation.  
Inspector L. W. Elias said the  
complainant, Lai Hung-sing, a  
widow who has known the de-  
fendant for five years, told him  
on February 5 at 5 p.m. Poon  
arrived at her address at 41  
Austin Rd.

He told her that she must  
marry him or he would tell all  
his friends about her personal  
affairs and stop her from getting  
her monthly allowance of \$280  
a month from the American  
Consulate General in Hongkong.  
The court was told that the  
defendant had a clear record.

## Recognition of consuls

Mr Max de Montalembert has  
been provisionally recognised as  
Consul for France at Hongkong,  
the Government Gazette  
notified today.

Mr Rasjid Rasjid has been  
provisionally recognised as  
Consul for Indonesia at Hong-  
kong.  
The Queen's Exequatur em-  
powering Mr James M. Hall to  
act as Vice-Consul for the  
United States of America at  
Hongkong has received Her  
Majesty's signature.

## Honorary aides

The Government Gazette  
notified today the appointment  
of the following Honorary  
Aides-de-Camp: Capt. D. E.  
d'Almeida Remedios, Hongkong  
Regiment; Flight Lieut F. M.  
Botelho, Hongkong Auxiliary  
Air Force; and Mr Ramon  
Yeung Tsun-shung, Assistant  
Superintendent of Police,  
Auxiliary.

## Church trustees

The Government Gazette  
notified today that satisfactory  
evidence has been furnished to  
the Colonial Secretary on the  
appointment of the following as  
trustees of the Hongkong Epis-  
copal Church:  
Messrs Wong Kwok-shuen,  
Wong Sing-tai, Lucy Wai-chau,  
Su Liang-sing, Shau Tang-hau  
and Hung Hin-shiu.

## Port Committee

Mr D. de S. Carey ceased to  
be a Member of the Port Execu-  
tive Committee consequent upon  
the return of Mr A. D. Torr, the  
Government Gazette notified to-  
day.

## MAIL Notices

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12  
By Air

Philippines, Dutch New Guinea,  
Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 2 p.m.  
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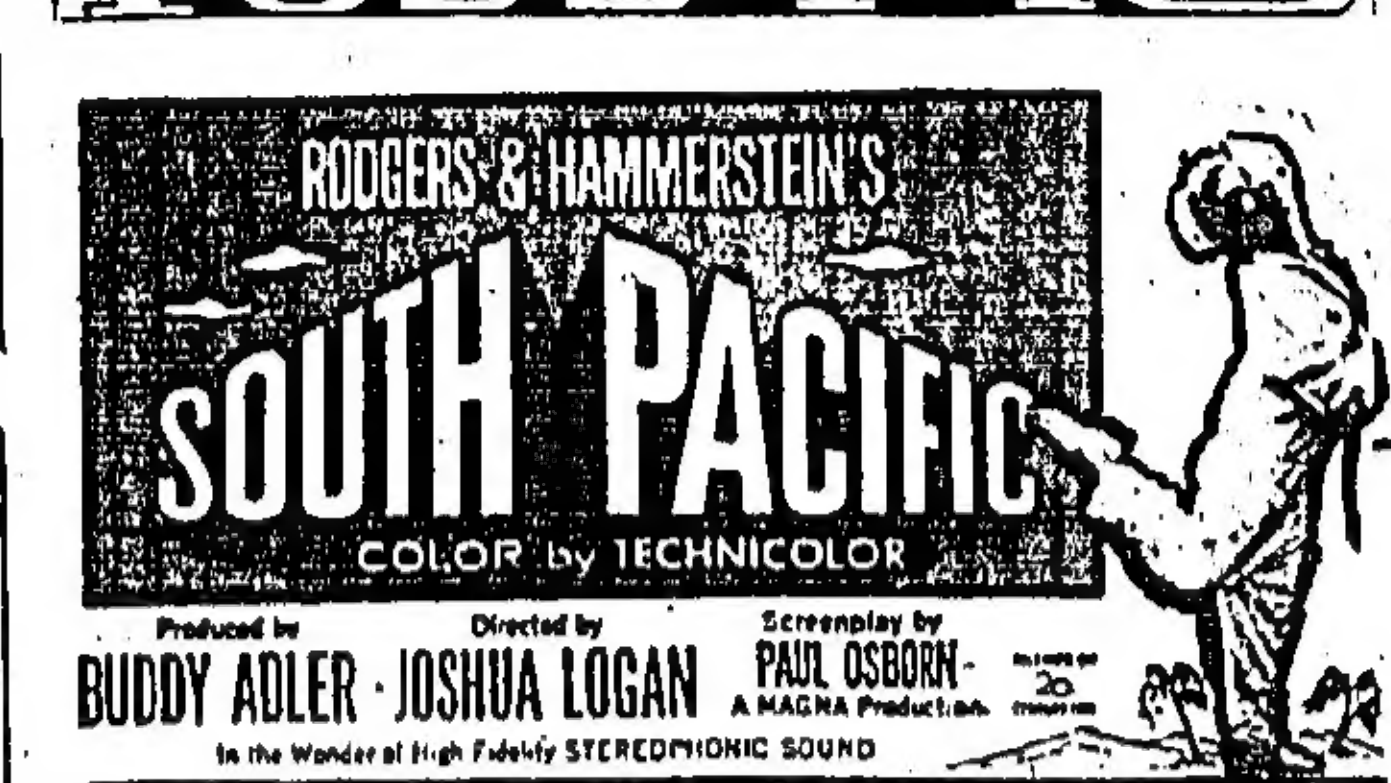
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owned  
there  
was no  
escape!

Planning life to 100  
—at least!

by Steve Dunleavy

"BY the time I'm 100 I should have travelled a few more times around the world and written a few more books." Journalist extraordinary, Sir Evelyn Wrench was not joking.

"Of course I'm not joking. It will take a lot to kill me especially when I'm determined to keep living," he added confidently.

The 77-year-old marvel was in town last week on one of his "family visits" to the "Determined to turn the journalistic tables on Sir Evelyn and interview him I borrowed a few hours of his time.

After two hours with the human dynamo I would be willing to lay odds that Sir Evelyn lives to his boast of living to 100 maybe 200.

## Purpose

"There's no secret about the recipe for long life it's just one word — purpose, my boy, pure, plain purpose that keeps me kicking."

One would have to see Sir Evelyn operating to understand what he meant. Two hours "interview" for me turned out to be a one-sided political debate, a symposium on Anglo-American relations and a very profitable lecture on journalism — all rolled in one.

Sir Evelyn, who for 10 years was the most popular journalist ever to edit the "Time-honoured Spectator," estimates that he has travelled over a half a million miles.

"Keeps me going, boy, I can't stand idle. It drives me mad," he said as he jumped sprightly to his feet and handed me a glass of beer.

He poured himself a gin and tonic. "Humph, don't believe in these old fogies who say that you shouldn't drink... relaxation that's what it is good for. "Don't over indulge, you know, but you must relax."

I'm sure that was the only time I did see the old master relax in the time I was talking to him.

First he would sit down, then suddenly he would spring to his feet, rocket from the room and dictate a short note to his secretary.

Back in the room he would fire a fusillade of questions at me which made me wonder who was interviewing who.

Purpose of his visit? "As the founder of the Overseas League and the English Speaking Union I thought it would be a good idea to find just what is happening in the Far East," he answered.

## Your progress

"I have been amazed by the progress of Hongkong since I was here last... that was in 1937, you know the year of the big typhoon.

"Also watched the Japanese bombing Shanghai a few days later. "That's fairly typical of my life all the way through. Go on a honeymoon, and up in the typhoon of the century and have a birdseye view of a full-scale war."

## Two books by Hongkong writers

The Legend of the White Serpent, by A. Fullerton Prior (Published by Chas. E. Tuttle, Japan, Price US\$1.80).

THE author is better known to Hongkong people as Allan Prior, one-time South China Morning Post journalist, announcer and film script writer. He is the son of Mr J. T. Prior, who recently retired after a long and successful career in the law firm of Wilkinson and Grist.

This book has been in the planning stage for several years. The author thought of publishing the book in Hongkong three or four years ago but could not find a publisher to meet his very demanding standards.

Charles E. Tuttle, which has a reputation for printing throughout the Far East, have certainly done his book justice.

The story is a well-known Chinese classic, as well known to the Chinese, as the fairy tales of Hans Andersen are to Europeans.

Allan Prior has had it translated and with his flair for simplicity and neat writing, has turned it into a very readable story. It is colourfully illustrated by Hongkong artist, Miss Kwang Sang-mei.

The author has written it, to use his own phrase, without any literary beating of temple gongs. The reason is that the story needs no embellishment, but stands on its own merits. And it is beautifully told—a splendid first book for this sensitive young writer.

He has chosen one of the best known Chinese tales. There is a fund of fable to draw upon and it must be hoped that despite the flood of paper-covered children's stories being printed by Mainland China, Mr Prior will co-operate with his translator, Dr Chang Kou-li and Miss Kwang, to bring many more of the famous Chinese folk stories and legends to the English-speaking reader.

For they are the kind of story which can be enjoyed by child and adult alike.—RH.

The Hongkong Story, by John Luff (Published by The South China Morning Post, Ltd., \$10).

MR JOHN LUFF is known to China Mail readers as a versatile writer of feature articles. Perhaps, his best-known

series was "The last days of Shanghai."

The China Mail editor later asked Mr Luff to consider writing another series based on "The first days of Hongkong". He readily accepted the commission and produced to his great credit, not another account of how this colonial came into being 120 years ago, but a very readable collection of articles on the people who made their home here.

He wrote about early Governors, merchants, soldiers, judges, missionaries, newspaper editors, pirates and punters and in doing so brought to life in a way that no other historian has yet succeeded in doing, the people who made up the Hongkong community.

His articles have thus most usefully and enjoyably supplemented the history books and it is this fresh approach together with his cheerful style that have established his prestige and his success as a writer.

To write these articles Mr Luff went to a great deal of trouble to use new sources of information. He spent hours studying the files of old newspapers of which there is an almost complete set in the Supreme Court Library.

These are all authentic stories, therefore, coloured and enlivened by his witty pen. This book is a collection of those articles.

It would make an ideal gift for Hongkong residents living overseas and it would be a valuable addition to any library which includes the many excellent event-histories of Hongkong.

But it will chiefly appeal to those who prefer their history well laced with human interest. This is a book about people and the spice, the scandals and the drama which made the talking points in their lives.—RH.



Sir Evelyn, regarded as one of the leading Fleet Street journalists of his generation, started his career at the age of 21 after a picture postcard business he was running, collapsed.

"Started with the great Lord Northcliffe as a maker of fact. He was a fine man and a great newspaper leader," Sir Evelyn recalled.

It was while working as a raw junior that Sir Evelyn very quickly put Lord Northcliffe's generosity to the test.

"I very foolishly backed a business that went broke shortly after I joined Northcliffe.

"I wasn't with him more than a few months when I found debt collectors on my tail asking for £800.

"As jail in those days was a pretty grim proposition I had to find someone who would lend me the money.

"As soon as Lord Northcliffe heard of my plight, he very smartly came forward and settled the debt.

"I paid him back at a miserable rate each week and after 10 months he let me off the debt... a fine man."

Apart from his brilliance as a journalist which has led him to the editor's chair of three big daily papers, Sir Evelyn is noted as a big force behind Anglo-American relations.

"I regard America as my second home and spend a lot of time travelling back and forth to the great country.

"The future for our two great nations is absolutely limitless," he added.

And of Sir Evelyn's future? "Well I want to get things cracking for 1964 when the International Shakespearean Year will be celebrated.

"I can hardly wait for the event, it's a wonderful idea and I'm starting to publicise it now," he added.

What then?

Two more "Oh I'll write two more books — that's ten I will have written — then I'll make a few more trips around the world."

What then?

"Well I'm certainly not going to die if that's what you think."

## Firemen want more pay

London, Feb. 11. So many London firemen—about 2,000—turned up for a mass meeting last night to demand increased pay that the gathering had to be held in the open air.

Representatives of 17 brigades blocked a street, and a fire engine on its way to a call had to turn round and go "another way."

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## Britain's radio 'hams' will track U.S. satellite

HUNDREDS of radio "hams" in Britain will be invited shortly to help track an American satellite. It weighs 100 lb and it will be launched in early summer.

It is designed to give the world new facts about the ionosphere—that layer of electrically-charged particles above the earth—which plays a vital part in radio communications. Final details of how to collect data, from thousands of amateur "ears" all over the world, are now being worked out by the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### Sets adapted

The Americans are expected to use the new internationally-agreed frequency of 136 megacycles. This would mean that many sets owned by British amateurs would have to be adapted.

The Radio Society tells me: "Alterations could be done quite easily providing we are given enough warning. There are plenty of V.I.P. enthusiasts who would think it worthwhile."

Some of the messages from space may be intelligible to amateurs, for U.S. scientists have promised to reveal their codes.

### SPUTNIKS

OFFICIAL British satellite-tracking stations—such as Jodrell

Bank or the Radio Research station, Slough, are NOT likely to be caught napping again by Russian sputniks or Luniks.

The Russians have just joined SPACEWARN, an international body set up to "tip-off" all nations in advance—under pledge of secrecy—when a launching is imminent. Full details of frequencies and codes will be supplied so that nations can have their receivers ready.

### SPACE-SHOTS

BRITAIN can still get to the Moon—if she does three things:

- (1) Dresses on with perfecting her Black Knight and Blue Streak rockets;
- (2) Puts maximum effort AT ONCE into design studies to convert both rockets into satellite launchers;
- (3) Builds and fires her own satellite.

After that, the difference in cost and effort between firing a Moon probe and a satellite is "fractional." That is the belief of Professor Bernard Lovell, director of Jodrell Bank's radio-telescope.

But he would most like to see Britain building a stabilised platform to put a "flying telescope" into space—to map the sky ABOVE our atmosphere.

### Flooded field

"That would be an ideal contribution for Britain to make," he told me. "The Russians and Americans may be so keen on the human aspect of space research that they by-pass scientific, instrumented experiments. And the field of normal satellites is going to be pretty flooded-out by the time we are ready to launch ours."

"We MUST pick jobs which others are not doing."

"Lord Hailsham deserves commendation for financing the only British space plan possible until today. But from now on he needs to give encouragement to these other developments in our space research."

### ?? IS IT TRUE ??

Is it true that dogs are the only carriers of rabies?

No. Foxes, skunks and bats can all give humans the disease. In fact, bites from bats are causing 50 cases of human rabies a year in the U.S.A.

—(London Express Service).

## 'Tighten-up security' orders out in America

Washington.

THE FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency have sent out orders for a drastic tightening of United States security networks throughout the world. Behind the terse orders are the now famous "Langele case" and the discovery of foreign spies in the employ of the United States in Europe.

Communist diplomats assigned to America are also listed among those who require "tight new scrutiny."

The two events which preceded the new orders were the "phony" espionage charges and later deportation of American diplomat Russell Langele from his post in Moscow, and the sentencing of a top U.S.

To officials in Washington, the most worrying aspect of the

Langele case was the Russian attempt to enlist him as a Soviet agent.

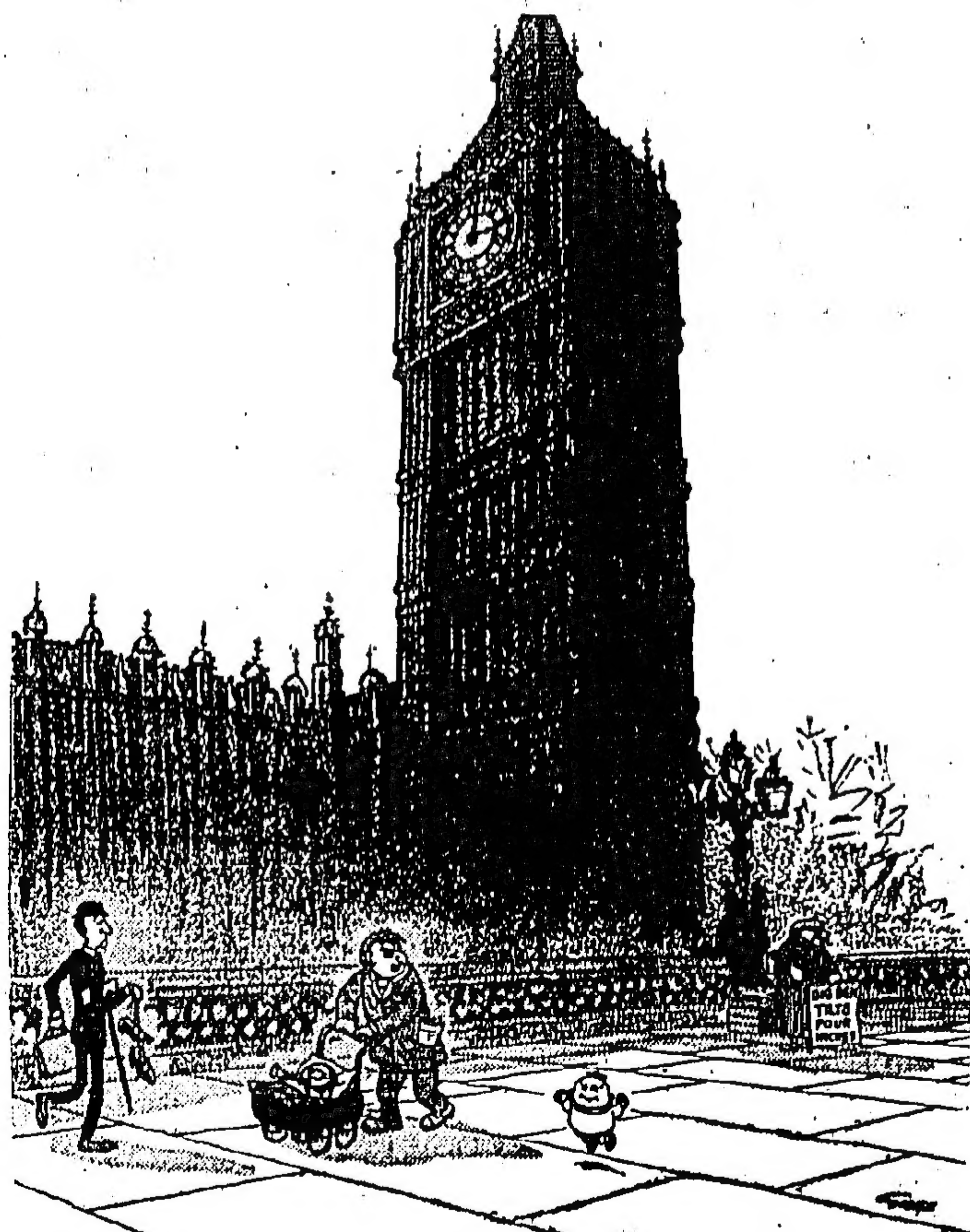
FBI spokesmen revealed that the Moscow incident coincided with a marked resumption of suspect activities by Soviet diplomats in the U.S. Six Communist diplomats in the New York City area have been under round-the-clock surveillance in recent weeks.

The U.S. spy who was jailed in West Germany recently was 38-year-old Gerhard Wegner. He had been one of the most trusted American agents in Europe.

Yet a court in Bonn found that he had been feeding top-secret German and American military secrets to Russia since 1953—when he first became a member of the Western spy system.

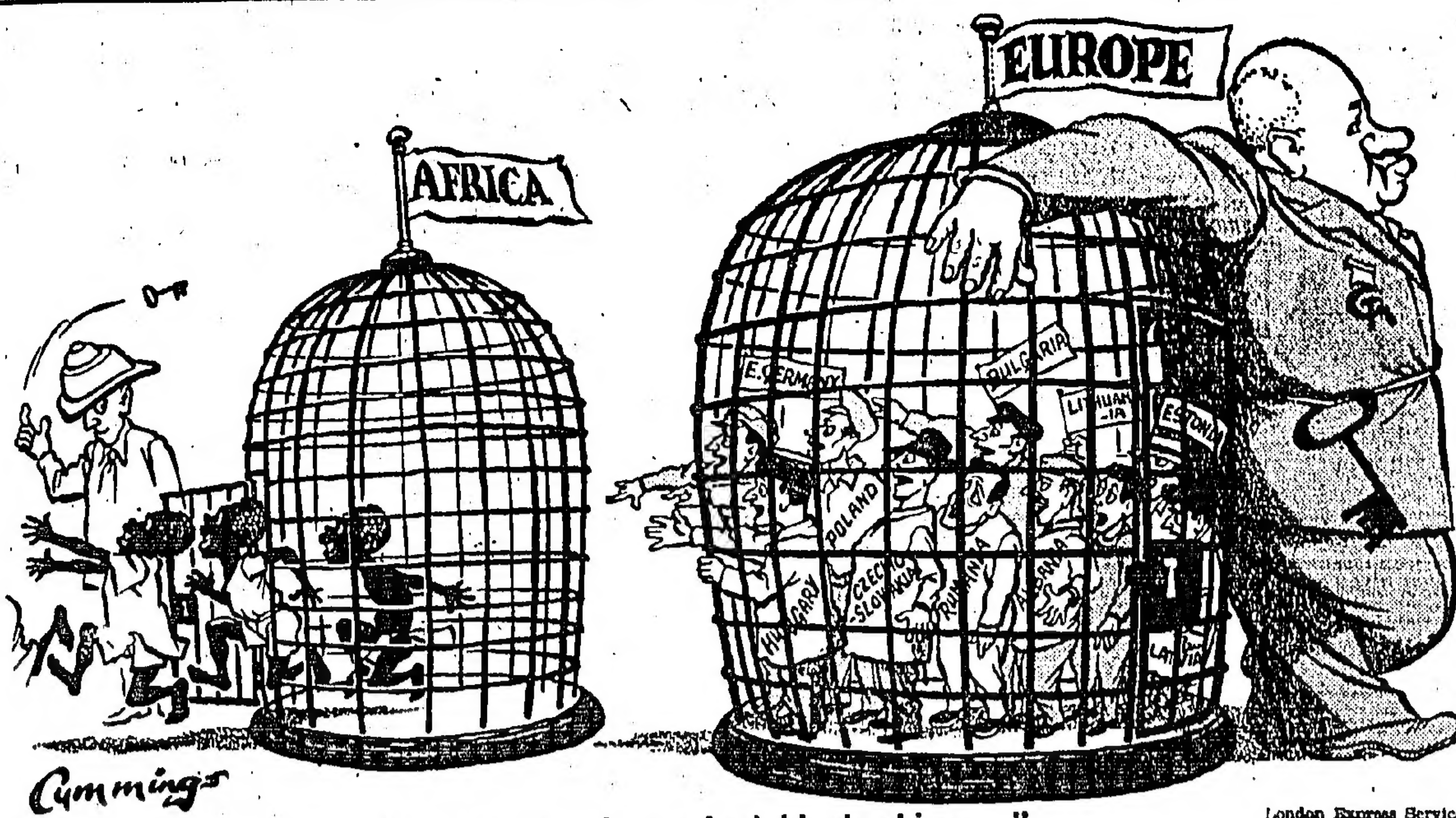
Central Intelligence Agency spokesmen believe Wegner was one of the "double agents" referred to by Mr. Khrushchev during his American visit.

—(London Express Service).



"Henry, stop jumping, you'll have the — thing over."

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"Ah, if only we had black skins..."

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Bill Yim

## I JUST WANT MY SON BACK!

The incense from smouldering joss sticks grew stronger as I climbed the narrow Wanchai stairs. I groped through the darkness until I found the door on the first floor, then I knocked loud.

Seconds later the darkness was split by a beam of light. The door jerked open and a frail, frightened woman peered anxiously at her visitors.

Mrs Yim Cheng Iweng, mother of Communist-held United Press newsmen Bill Yim, was quick to ask us if we had come with news of her son. Before I could explain our presence she started to ask us in her native Cantonese. If her son was still alive.

Had he taken ill? Had the Communists beaten him? Was he going to be released?

### Stops in fear

I saw before me a quickly aging, tortured woman... A woman whose heart stops in fear everytime a knock on the door sends her scuttling to open it. A woman who lives from one telephone call to another. A woman who could gladly go to prison herself if her young son could be released from the Communist jail in which he was imprisoned on January 31.

She nervously asked myself and United Press International reporter Gerry Xavier, an old friend of Yim's, to sit down.

She was willing to be interviewed. She would tell us anything we wanted to know—anything that might help bring her beloved son home again.

Through my Chinese-speaking reporter friend, Mrs Yim told how ever since her son was arrested on July 28, 1959, she had lived in a nightmare.

A strict Buddhist she leads her family in prayer every day for Bill's safe return.

"I think of nothing else. My son's welfare is always in my mind," she said with a trace of emotion.

"If only I knew what was happening to him I would feel better."

"I think of the terrible food he is eating and the way the Communists may treat him."

"I dread to think how they made Billy admit that he was spying."

"The charge, naturally, is absurd. Billy only thought of his job as a journalist and nothing else."

### Proud

"He was very proud to think that he had been chosen to go on a special assignment into Red China," she added.

What were her feelings about the Communists?—Was she bitter?—Was she interested in politics?

"I have no feelings against the Communists. I know nothing of politics," she paused... "politics are for men to argue about. My job is being a wife and a mother and I just want my son back safe and sound."

Mrs Yim continued to talk in Cantonese about her son and how well behaved he was.

Here was a woman now involved in a controversy that has



Mrs Yim

reached international proportions. It was obvious that she didn't fully understand what was going

on about her. All she knows is that she is a mother—and wants her son back.

It is now over seven months since she collapsed when she heard of her son's arrest in Canton. Seven months of anguish, not even knowing whether her son was alive.

Here was a woman who has been living in the shadow of her son's fate for seven agonising months.

"I'm still frightened that something may happen to him... I don't know how I'm going to live through his imprisonment."

"All the time I hear so many different stories about people imprisoned in China. I don't know what to believe—and I nearly worry myself to death."

### Good boy

Mrs Yim said she still can't get used to the fact that he is not in the house.

"He is such a very good boy. He used to work very hard, and he would always bring home little presents from time to time."

"I often think of him the way he was when he was little and I cry when I think that I can't see him."

The front door opened. Instantly Mrs Yim's face

lightened, but quickly relaxed as her second son walked in. He politely introduced himself and disappeared outside to a mechanical shop which he had created himself.

Mrs Yim told us of her family, before returning again to the subject of Billy. It was obvious that her whole life was her family, and Billy's imprisonment has deprived her of a big part of her life.

### Incense

A breeze through the window wafted the incense that was being burnt continually to keep evil spirits from harming Billy.

In a corner of the sparsely-furnished room a photograph of Billy stood on a ledge. Several newspapers carrying the story and photograph of Billy's jail sentence and trial, littered the table. Sitting distraught and sad-faced on a cane chair, Mrs Yim stared into space thinking of her son.

Everywhere I looked I was reminded of grief, anguish and the ever-present yearning of a simple Cantonese mother who knows nothing of politics, knows nothing of Communism—but knows only that she is a mother... and she wants her son.



WEATHER BREAK

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### Just Rancey That!

DR MICHAEL PATRICK BOURKE, of Shepton Mallet, Somerset fined £2 at Bristol, Somerset, for parking too near a pedestrian crossing and failing to produce an insurance certificate, wrote to the magistrates:—

I had stopped to pop in for a flower for my wife. To wait at the medical hall. When a tall Welsh policeman came into my life. Whom sentiments moved not at all. He told me I'd parked seven minutes by then. In a dangerous spot in the town. And another ten minutes had wandered by then. When we had got the particulars down. So I hastily got in and drove it away. And I am sad to have caused such a mess. And I'm sadder to think, I'm sorry to say, Of the cost of that flower's success.



# WOMANSENSE

## THE 12-HOUR WARDROBE

PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR VISITORS TO ENGLAND

By  
Jill Butterfield

**CAPSULE LIVING** — It's the first new phrase of the decade to spring into a girl's vocabulary. But already it's more than a phrase — for every smart girl between 13 and 30 it's a reality of life.

Ever struggled to change in the office cloakroom and as a result had a date worse than death?

### Crammed

Ever carried a trunk away for a week-end and found all you needed could have been packed in a shopping bag?

Ever looked through your wardrobe and found it crammed full of clothes — none of them right for your latest date?

**CAPSULE LIVING** is the cure. Its idea: that everything you need for a day or a week-end should be carried on your back — or, at the most, in a small briefcase.

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It takes you through the day with simply the addition of accessories or the subtraction of certain parts of the basic outfit.

### All day

It needs a little money, a lot of planning, and a knowledge of the kind of life you lead and the kind of clothes you need for it.

**THE CAREER CAPSULE** was planned for the working girl whose only dressing-room is the office cloakroom, who dresses up for lunch, who works until 6 p.m., dates an average of three nights a week and finds it easier to dress up by taking a layer off. (There's no actual changing involved).

**THE CASUAL CAPSULE** was planned to take you through almost any date a week-end could offer (barring a full fig ball).

Both outfits come in any checks-black and white for the career capsule, beige and cream for the casual. Both sets of accessories (black patent or creamy browns) are interchangeable.

A TACTICAL EXERCISE FOR THE GIRL VISITING ENGLAND WITH LITTLE TIME, LITTLE MONEY AND LOTS OF ACTIVITY.....

### The Career Capsule

9 a.m.	1 p.m.	7 p.m.
Black and white checked dress and jacket. By Wendy £7 17s. 6d.		
Black woolen jumper by Toplet £2 12s. 0d.	Gingham boater by Edward Mann 24s. 11d.	Pearl and crystal choker by Jewellcraft 13s. 6d.
Black patent bag by Saxone £1 15s. 11d.	Fresh red carnation 1s. 6d.	Beige grosgrain pochette by Woldybags 27s. 6d.
Black patent shoes by Saxone £2 19s. 11d.	Long red umbrella by Emmott Haywood £1 12s. 6d.	Black velvet belt by Anne Simond 26s.
Total £8 7s. 10d.	Total £2 18s. 11d.	Total £3 7s. 0d.

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### The Casual Capsule

9 a.m.	1 p.m.	7 p.m.
Beige and cream checked pinafore dress. By Wallis £3 9s. 6d.		
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## LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

**AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 19): A business connection you made some time ago and which has remained dormant will suddenly assume quite important proportions.

**PISCES** (February 20-March 20): You are quick to adapt yourself to new surroundings and to make the best of anything that comes your way.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): If you are considering a partnership, make sure you have found a reliable person, ready to adapt himself to your ways, and willing to give as well as to take.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): An accumulation of work may make it advisable for you to deal with it over the weekend. It would be as well to start Monday with a clean slate.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): If you have been guilty of a sudden burst of bad temper, don't blame anybody else for having caused it, but make your apologies with a good grace.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 21): If you feel quarrelsome today, avoid contacts which may grate on you and don't start any silly arguments.

**LEO** (July 22-August 21): Without becoming too fussy about non-essentials, you ought to pay more attention to detail in your work.

**VIRGO** (August 22-September 22): Don't expect too much from an associate whose private life has recently been somewhat upset.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): Try and change your uncharitable attitude towards a member of your family whom you always considered to be the black sheep. It will help him to regain his self-respect.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): Be careful not to antagonize a close friend by being too dogmatic about mutual plans.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): If you have entrusted someone with part of your money, check up once in a while on the state of your affairs so as not to lose control.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): If you are faced with a dull and uninteresting routine job, take it in your stride and don't let it spoil your mood.

**YOUR BIRTHDAY:** If this is your birthday, you may not be quite ready yet to make a definite decision about your choice of a career. Work towards the desire you harbour and let time dictate your future actions.

### LOW-CALORIE DESSERT

Low-calorie maple mousse is a good dessert. Sprinkle 1 envelope unflavoured gelatin on  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cold water in saucepan to soften. Place over medium heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin dissolves. Remove from heat, add 1 cup ice-cold evaporated milk,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon maple flavouring,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Chill until mixture mounds slightly when dropped from spoon.

Four 1 cup evaporated milk into refrigerator tray, freeze until ice crystals form around edges. Turn into chilled bowl and whip at high speed until stiff. Fold into gelatin mixture, turn into 5-cup mould and chill until firm. Makes 6 100-calorie servings.

### HAM SANDWICH SPREAD

Keep ham sandwich spread on hand for children's school lunch boxes. Combine 1 (4½-ounce) can devilled ham with 3 chopped hard-boiled eggs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped celery,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped onions, 3 tablespoons chili sauce,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup mayonnaise,  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon pepper. Mix well, chill, and serve on buttered bread. Makes  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups.

## JACOBY on BRIDGE

**EAST** took his ace of spades and shifted to a club. Victor Kwong of Phoenix who was playing the hand remarked, "I wish I were in China because it looks as if I will need the benefit of a Chinese finesse to make this slam."

Then Victor studied the hand a trifle more and noted that he could get the benefit of a Chinese finesse if West held both the king of clubs and the long diamond.

He went up with the ace of clubs and promptly ran off all spades. On the last lead West had his choice between unguarding the diamond or chucking the king of clubs. He chose to chuck the king of clubs and the Chinese finesse had worked.

Incidentally, Victor's remarks about Chinese finesse referred to the old gag that everything runs backwards in China. In that case West would have to play before South and the ace-queen would be back of the king. I can assure my readers that there is nothing to it unless China's feds have revised the bridge rules in that country.

### ♥-CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass

2♥ South, hold:

♠A Q 4 ♥A 9 4 ♦K R ♠A J 10 5 3

What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. You have a good 18 points and all suits stopped.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**

Your partner rebids to three hearts. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH (D) 28	
♠ 42	
♥ A 10 4	
♦ A K Q 2	
♣ J 9 7 4	

WEST	
♠ 10 9 8 6	
♥ 8 7 5	
♦ 2 9 8 4	
♣ K 6	

EAST	
♠ A 7 5 3	
♥ 9 2	
♦ 10 7 5	
♣ 8 5 3 2	

SOUTH	
♠ K Q J	
♥ K Q J 6 5	
♦ 8 5	
♣ A Q 10	

No one vulnerable

North East South West

1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass

3♥ Pass 4NT Pass

5♥ Pass 6♥ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead—♠ 10

## STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

### Alphonse And Suzanne

—Two Goldfish Want To Get Out Of The Aquarium—

By MAX TRELL

IT SEEMED to Hanid, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name, that Alphonse and Suzanne were trying to talk to her. As a rule, the Goldfish never tried to talk to anybody except themselves. But there they were, swimming right up to the front glass of the aquarium and opening and shutting their mouths exactly as though they were trying to form words.

**Pulled up closer**

Hanid pulled her chair up closer to the aquarium and for

several minutes watched the two Goldfish.

Yes, Hanid thought to herself, there was no doubt about it. Alphonse and Suzanne were trying to talk to her.

She kept her eyes on their mouths.

"Oh!" Hanid cried suddenly.

"I know what they're saying! They're saying 'Hanid! Hanid!'"

Hanid smiled with pleasure and surprise for it isn't every little girl who can have Goldfish calling to her from inside an aquarium filled with water.

**Wasn't sure**

Then Hanid frowned. She wasn't really sure that Alphonse and Suzanne were calling to her. After all, she couldn't hear them. All she could be sure of was that they were opening and shutting their mouths.

Hanid decided to try an experiment. She leaned forward and put her own mouth close to the front glass of the aquarium.

Hanid was in the air. Inside the room, Alphonse and Suzanne were in the water, inside the aquarium. The glass was between them.

**Shaped lips carefully**

Hanid shaped her lips very carefully, as she said:

"Hello, Alphonse! Hello, Suzanne! Can you understand me, dear?"

"Yes, we can understand you, Hanid!" Hanid saw the Goldfish saying. She saw them saying it because she couldn't hear them saying it.

**Wanted to shout**

Hanid wanted to shout out: "You can't! No! No!"

Hanid was smiling again. Once more she was pleased.

"Now, dear," she was saying, with her mouth still pressed against the outside of the glass, "please tell me what you want!"

Hanid saw Alphonse looking at Suzanne.

**Tell her**

"You tell her what we want, my dear," Alphonse said to Suzanne.

And Suzanne answered: "All right, I'll tell her, but I'm sure she won't let us do it."

"I wonder what they want?" Hanid was saying to herself in a puzzled way. "I hope they don't want me to jump into the aquarium and swim around with them."

By this time, Suzanne had turned around to face the glass. Hanid carefully watched her mouth opening and shutting. This is what she heard, or rather saw, Suzanne saying to her:

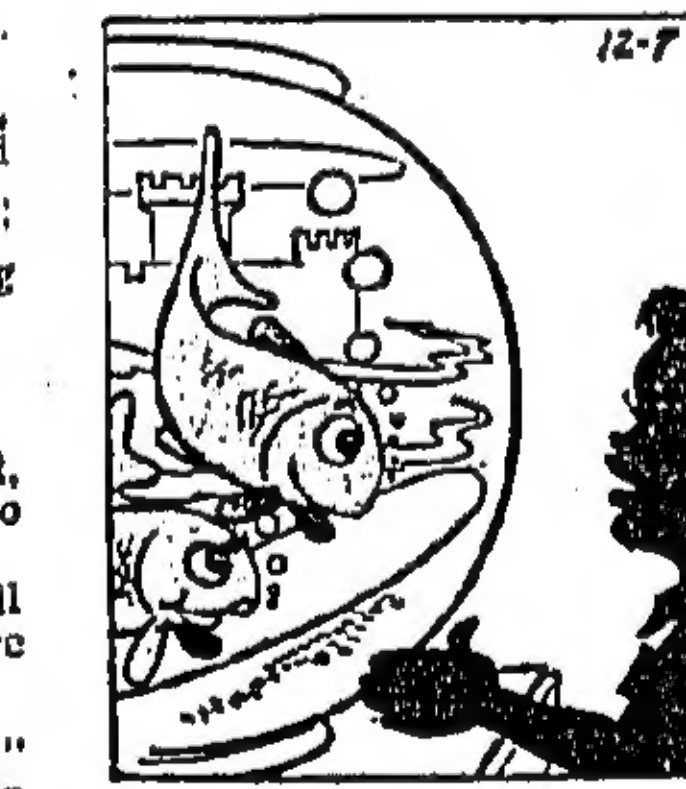
"We've been in this aquarium ever since last Christmas. That's almost a year. It's a long time to be in one place."

**They like it**

"Now, please, don't think that we don't like this aquarium. We like it very much indeed. We like the plants. We like the clear, cool water. We like the food that the children drop in every morning."

"But we would—Oh, how we would—like to come out and take a walk around the room like you do!"

And Hanid was glad to see Alphonse and Suzanne saying, "Thank you, sweetheart! Thank you very much for telling us how lucky we are!"



Hanid watched the Goldfish moving their lips.

But then she thought how disappointed Alphonse and Suzanne would be. So she thought for a second or two before she answered Suzanne.

"Yes," said Hanid, "it would be fun for you to take a walk around the room. But you wouldn't like it very much. You'd get too dry."

"Too dry?" asked Suzanne.

**What is it?**

"What's too dry?" asked Alphonse.

"It's—It's just the opposite of being too wet," said Hanid. "It's very uncomfortable. It's scratchy. It's hot. That's why people go swimming. They like to be comfortably wet like you. They'd love to be able to stay underwater like fish!"

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# RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

## Pearce Memorial Cup event tomorrow

### ULRICH, KNIGHT, DROBNY, NIELSEN IN FRENCH TENNIS SEMI-FINALS

Paris, Feb. 11.

Jorgen Ulrich — younger brother of the better-known Torben Ulrich — today beat Britain's Davis Cup player Robert Wilson 6-4, 4-6, 10-8, 8-6 after a tough struggle in the third quarter-final of the men's singles of the French Indoor Tennis Championships.

The sensation of the early morning match was Ulrich's easy win over Sweden's Lundquist.

After his victories in Copenhagen last week and his victory over fourth-seeded

#### NOTICE

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup Saturday, 13th February, 1960

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above at the Club's Branch Offices will close on Friday, 12th February, 1960, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.

King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong, at 4.00 p.m.

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong, at 6.00 p.m.

Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, Hong Kong, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held on the Ground Floor, Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 13th February, 1960.

By Order of the Stewards, PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. Treasurers.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an admission badge, which must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting, will be admitted.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable during office hours from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, Chater Road, 5, D'Aguilar Street, King's Road, North Point, and 382 Nathan Road, only on the written introduction of a Member.

ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

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By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1960.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Sports Pictorial

Dear Sir,—I am curious to know why it is that everytime there is a Sports Pictorial concerning the local Race-meetings there is always a picture of Mr Plumby winning a Race.

If you care to check the last ten issues you will find that Mr Plumby's picture is in the majority. Are there no other winning jockeys? Considering that there are at least 70 winners in the last 10 race-meetings it would be interesting to see what the other winners look like.

"Fairplay".

### Ideal weather at Squaw Valley

Squaw Valley, Feb. 11.

Ideal weather today favoured the hundreds of skiers and skaters training hard here for the Winter Olympic Games, only a week away.

Weather forecasters said the threat of another snowstorm during the weekend was fading.

Early in the day the temperature was 15 degrees Fahrenheit but it rose above freezing in the afternoon.—Reuter.

### Disappointing

While Knight played an excellent game, Lundquist made too many faults and mistakes to trouble his opponent at any stage. It was a very disappointing display from such a promising young player, and Knight was through to the next round in 44 minutes, dropping only four games in the three sets.

In the first match of the day, Drobný showed that despite his age he can often beat a youngster, however promising. Playing copy-book tennis and not letting up for a minute, old "Drobný" gave Sangster a lesson in tennis and had no difficulty in winning the first, third and fourth sets, though he dropped the second 7-9.

### Semi-final draw

Denish Davis Cup player Kurt Nielsen beat American veteran Budgie Fatty in the fourth and last quarter-final of the men's singles today by 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

In the semi-finals, Nielsen will play Britain's Billy Knight, and Jorgen Ulrich of Denmark will play Jaroslav Drobný.—AFP.

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### MAMMOTH CASH SWEEP TO BE DECIDED ON THE 1 1/4 MILE RACE FOR CLASS 1 PONIES

The Hongkong Jockey Club's two-day Eighth Race Meeting concludes tomorrow with another programme of eight interesting events.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race run at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

The Pearce Memorial Cup event for Class 1 ponies over the Champion distance forms the highlight of the day's programme.

The mammoth Special Cash Sweep will be drawn on this race.

Here are my estimates of the chances:—

#### FIRST RACE

North Pass Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The first race tomorrow is confined to Class 4 ponies to be ridden by approved novice riders who have not won 10 races at any time, anywhere.

The ponies to watch here are King Kong (H. K. Chong), Certified Cheque (Robert Luk), Brilliance (S. C. King) and Jemima P. (J. M. Cruz).

King Kong is my choice, but I think it should win, but Certified Cheque is not to be ignored as this pony can move and the distance is more to its liking.

#### SECOND RACE

Tai Po Pass Handicap: From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

The logical choice in this sprint race of the afternoon for Class 2 ponies is Ding Dong (Wellington Lok). A win is certainly coming up for this well conditioned pony and it will be no surprise to see it surviving the challenges of Million Bonus (A. Ostrumoff), May Blossom (H. K. Chong) and Sunstreak (Lam King-lak).

Silver Dahlia (Wong Loy) has been running very frisky during morning exercise and is capable of furnishing an upset.

#### THIRD RACE

Lead Mine Pass Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

In this race for Class 3 ponies Butterfly (C. L. Yen) is the obvious choice for first position. For those who are looking for an outsider, I suggest Ability (Steven Lu).

Don Juan (H. M. Botelho) should not be overlooked.

#### FOURTH RACE

Pearce Memorial Cup: 1 1/4 Mile.

This is the main event of the afternoon and the Special Cash Sweep will depend on the result.

The race will be contested by Class 1 ponies and among the entries I like Hellespont (Robert Luk) the best on account of its record-equaling run from the Half Mile Post. Once Round & the Second Day of the 4th Race Meeting carrying 154 lbs.

The strongest opposition will come from Fascination (K. Kwok) in view of its good form at the moment.

Winome Star (A. Ostrumoff) is worth following as an outsider only.

#### FIFTH RACE

Lead Mine Pass Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

Class 2 ponies are in a training gallop on February 4 and everything points to it being the one to beat in this race.

Twirl Lark (Steven Lu), which dead-heated with Miss Reading for the first position in the Clear Water Bay Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting, should be carefully considered here as a likely winner.

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Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance

### Starters, Weights And Riders

Starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

The names of ponies are all listed according to the positions drawn. The first named pony has drawn the No. 1 position, the second named the No. 2 and so on.

2.00 p.m. Race 1. NORTH PASS HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 Mile Novice, Class 4.	3.30 p.m. Race 4. PEARCE MEMORIAL CUP. 1 1/4 Miles, Class 1.
000 Certain Gals (Tokmokoff) 140 lbs.	411 Hellespont (Leakoff) 154 lbs.
020 Grace (Chew) 142 lbs.	300 Shiraz (Tokmokoff) 140 lbs.
000 Golden Branch (Chuan) 140 lbs.	000 No Surprise (S. H. Wong) 140 lbs.
020 Jemima P. (Rodney) 140 lbs.	002 Facination (S. H. Wong) 138 lbs.
000 Robert Luk 138 lbs.	210 King's Parchment (S. H. Wong) 140 lbs.
020 Certified Cheque (Tokmokoff) 140 lbs.	310 Winsome Star (Noodi) 140 lbs.
040 Resurrection (Sofronoff) 138 lbs.	153 Salome (Sofronoff) 138 lbs.
040 Ivan-Ho (Noodi) 138 lbs.	400 p.m. Race 5. LEAD MINE PASS HANDICAP (2nd Section). 6 Furlongs, Class 3.
020 Brilliance (Shiu) 143 lbs.	000 Castle Peak (Chuan) 146 lbs.
040 King Kong (A. S. Wong) 152 lbs.	000 C. L. Liu 146 lbs.
2.30 p.m. Race 2. TAIPO PASS HANDICAP. 1 1/4 Miles, 1st Yearlings, Class 5.	300 Mayflower (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.
000 Na Cherie (Chew) 138 lbs.	004 Hard Ridden (Tokmokoff) 150 lbs.
020 Tiger Shark (Noodi) 154 lbs.	410 Oscar Prize (Lum) 140 lbs.
002 Hawaiian Moon (Ng) 140 lbs.	300 How Do I Know (Noodi) 140 lbs.
020 Million Bonus (Lum) 150 lbs.	210 Gold Badge (Sofronoff) 140 lbs.
000 Blue Train (Lin Y. Y.) 141 lbs.	210 City of Victoria (Lin) 138 lbs.
000 Marianne (Rodney) 138 lbs.	240 Maybelle (Tokmokoff) 138 lbs.
003 Silver Dahlia (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.	
004 Angela (Tokmokoff) 145 lbs.	
040 Sheng Chun (Sofronoff) 138 lbs.	
001 Sunstreak (Sofronoff) 153 lbs.	
020 May Blossom (Noodi) 150 lbs.	
010 Ding Dong (Sofronoff) 152 lbs.	
000 Ever-glo (Tokmokoff) 145 lbs.	
3.00 p.m. Race 3. LEAD MINE PASS HANDICAP (1st Section). 6 Furlongs, Class 3.	
000 Rose (Noodi) 138 lbs.	
004 Twinkbell (Rodney) 140 lbs.	
020 Butterfly (Tokmokoff) 144 lbs.	
100 Johnner (Kramperoff) 145 lbs.	
000 Ability (Shiu) 140 lbs.	
011 Don Juan (Noodi) 145 lbs.	
100 All Happy (Perebeckoff) 140 lbs.	
	Allen Chan.

### Jockey Johnny Longden falls during race

Acacia, Feb. 11.

Johnny Longden, 52-year-old star jockey, fell in today's third race at Santa Anita.

An ambulance was rushed on the track to take him to the track hospital.

Doctors said after an



# MCC put up 117 for two wickets against Jamaica's first innings total of 374

Kingston, Feb. 11.

The MCC took Jamaica's seven remaining first innings wickets for 137 runs on the second day of their match here today and at the close were 257 runs behind with eight wickets in hand.

Freddie Trueman's pace bowling and legspinners of Ken Barrington and Tom Greenough found cheap victims when Jamaica resumed at the overnight score of 237 for three, and the Colony were all out for 374.

The MCC were 117 for two in reply at the end of the day. Only Reg Scarlett stood firm for Jamaica today, scoring 72 not out in an hour and 44 minutes with eleven fours. It was the first time he had reached the half century in his first-class career.

Trueman, Barrington and Greenough each took two wickets, Trueman finishing with the best innings figures of four for 54.

Kelth Andrew, behind the wicket, contributed to the downfall of three of the last four batsmen to go and in the innings as a whole claimed five victims.

Raman Subba Row, showing his best form of the tour, scored 64 not out in the MCC reply.

## Worrell out

Jamaica added 85 runs to their overnight total of 237 for three for the loss of two more wickets by lunch today.

Fast bowler Freddie Trueman bowled this morning from the opposite end from which he was bowled yesterday, dragging three balls in succession yesterday and he claimed the fourth wicket after 17 were added. With the fifth ball of his third over he had Frank Barrington caught in the slips by Barrington.

Worrell, who scored only a single this morning, made 75 in 185 minutes and hit two sixes and eight fours.

Teddy Griffith, the left-hander who hit 177 for the Colts against the tourists, showed he had the big match temperament by hitting 11 runs, including a leg-side glide for four, in Alan Moss's first over, but the young Jamaican run into trouble against Trueman and could not recover.

When Trueman came off after taking one for seven in 45 minutes, Ted Dexter bowled Griffith middle stump with his first ball as the batsman played back.

## End of innings

Reg Scarlett, bidding to gain his Test place, and Jackie Hendricks strengthened Jamaica's position with an undefeated partnership of 59 by lunch. Scarlett, who gained most of his runs on the leg side against Dexter and Illingworth, was 40 not out and Hendricks 20 not out.

The innings ended quickly after lunch, the last five wickets falling for the addition of 52 runs to the interval score.

Scarlett was the only batsman to stand firm, and he was unbeaten with 72 scored in an hour and 44 minutes and including 11 fours. It was the first time he had reached 50 in a first-class match.

Colin Cowdrey and Raman Subba Row opened the MCC innings and put on 51 without being separated in the 50 minutes before tea.

Chester Watson and Frank Worrell gained little help from the pitch and soon Watson was replaced by spinner Alf Valentine.

## Sports Diary

**TO-DAY**

Tennis  
Colony Grass Court tennis championship (singles) at HKCC, 9.15 p.m.

Meeting  
HKFA Monthly Meeting at 131, Wanchai Road, 7.45 p.m.

**TO-MORROW**

Racing  
First Day of 28th Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.  
Draw for the Pearce Memorial Cup special sweep tickets, 11.30 a.m.

Cricket  
1st Division: Optimists v Brigade, Police v KCC, Garrison v Recreation, CCC v HKFA, RAF v Seaplanes.  
2nd Division: Hunters v Seaplanes, KCC v DSS, Recreation v Garrison, KGV v RAF.  
3rd Division: Tung Wah v Police (BS) 4 p.m.  
Reserve Division: Police v Tung (BS) 2.30 p.m.  
4th Division: Takko v AFB (Navy) 2.30 p.m.; Hong Kong v Telephone (Navy) 4 p.m.; RIL v Police (Navy) 4 p.m.; RAF v Wan v Icon Wun (Navy) 2.30 p.m.  
5th Division: Post Office v Sik Ying (Navy) 2.30 p.m.; DSS v Dodwell (Navy) 2.30 p.m.; B & R v St Joseph's (Navy) 4 p.m.; Kin Gordon v Yung Yung (Navy) 4 p.m.; University v Haddison (Police) 4 p.m.

Athletics  
HKAAA Third Open Athletic Meeting, HK Stadium, 2 p.m.

## Nominate YOUR HONGKONG FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess.

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play, is:

of the ..... Club.

(Signed) .....

## YAOITA WINS IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, Feb. 11.

World's No. 1 flyweight contender and Orient flyweight champion Sadao Yaoita of Japan won on points over Thailand's flyweight champion Kuno Vichitral here tonight in a ten-round non-title charity bout in aid of the Chinese Thienfah Hospital.

Yaoita weighed in at 115 pounds and Kuno, a Thai citizen of Chinese blood, 113 pounds.

It was announced after the fight that Yaoita will have another bout in Bangkok before he leaves for Tokyo. His opponent is Kumarnthorn Yontrakul.

UPI.

## Oxo out of the Grand National

London, Feb. 11.

Oxo, last year's Grand National winner, is to be struck out of this year's race, to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 26.

His trainer, William Stephenson, said today there was no chance of getting Oxo fully fit in time. He injured himself in the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day.

Oxo was quoted favourably at 100 to nine in bookmakers' lists on the big Aintree steeplechase.

Reuter.

## WEEKEND SOFTBALL

# Champion Braves take on hard-hitting U.S. Navy in main match

By OLLY VAS

Interest in the weekend softball programme of one Senior, two Junior and one ladies' matches will be centred on the Braves versus U.S. Navy game.

The New Asian Collegians will be seen in action after a brief absence from the game when they come up against the Junior champions, the Dodgers.

The first meeting of the two teams resulted in the champions emerging triumphant after eight hard-fought innings, by the margin of a solitary run.

The Filipinos are expected to only go through the motions of playing off this match which brings to a conclusion their fixtures for the current season.

After last week's listless display against the Cardinals it would come as no surprise if the champions drop another decision for New Asia College have some very good batters in the line-up.

## Easy going

At 3.30 p.m. the luckless Aussies play the Pandas.

The Pandas are presently lying second in the Junior league table while the Aussies have yet to win a match.

This will be their 14th attempt to gain that elusive maiden victory but the Pandas should find the going very easy by virtue of all-round superiority.

Sunday's opening match features the Cheyennes and the Toreros in the Ladies' Division. The first-round encounter did not materialise as the Cheyennes could not raise a team and conceded a forfeit.

The Toreros are a stonier team and should account for the opposition.

The first of the two Senior games for the day takes place immediately afterwards, at 11.00 a.m., when the Pandas play South China.

These two Chinese teams battled to a thrilling 3-2 decision in favour of the Pandas in their previous meeting and some excellent softball should be witnessed.

Both sides have first class pitching in the forms of "Goose" Wong for SCAA and the duo of Junior Pang and Jackie Wei for the Pandas plus cartloads of experience.

Much will depend on the pitching of Wong and Wei who will probably start for the Pandas. Wei made a comeback last week against the Braves and showed glimpses of his past form.

I favour the Pandas to repeat because of the slight edge they have over their opponents in batting power.

## Hit and run style

The other Senior game is at 2.00 p.m. and it features the Braves and the U.S. Navy, which is represented by the station ship the USS "Renville". The sailors may or may not put up the same team which triumphed over Portugal in the recent International semi-final. If they do, then the Braves will be in for a hard time.

The pre-game strategy of Braves manager, Ed Carvalho is not known but I should not

be at all surprised if he resorts to the effective hit-and-run style based on a bunting attack.

The Braves' Vic Pedruco is no longer the pitcher he once was. He has slowed down considerably though he is still fast on his feet. To put it bluntly his pitches lack sting and it will be left to the Navy's first-baseman Hunkins to prove it once again. Hunkins, as most fans will recall, was the batter who knocked three of Pedruco's pitches out of the ball-park in the international.

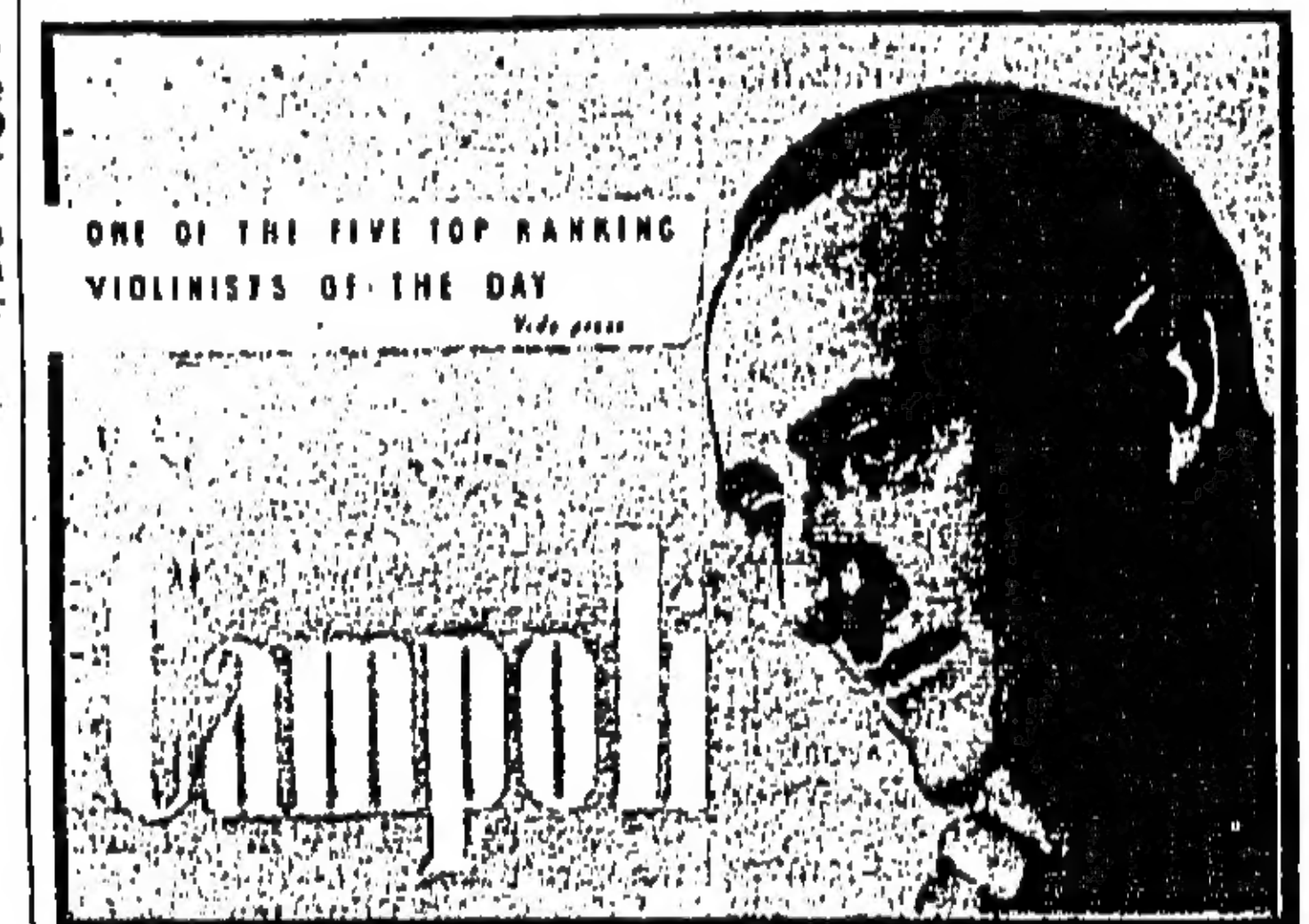
## Stronger batting

The Navy have the stronger batting and this should be enough to see them through — unless as I have said they put up a team of nine different men altogether which is not inconceivable because of shipboard duties and other commitments.

The final game of the day is a Junior match between the Indians and the Cardinals. Without Gary Lucido the Indians are a very ordinary side indeed and with the Cardinals currently playing so well I cannot forecast an Indian victory.

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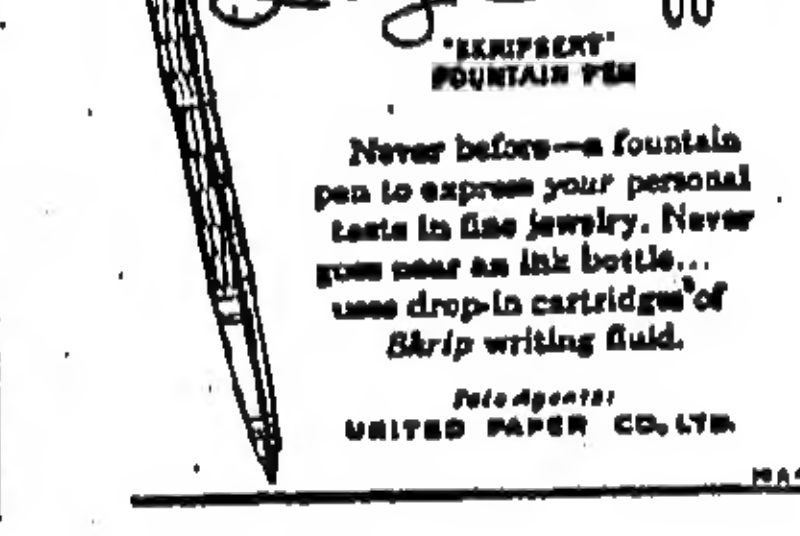
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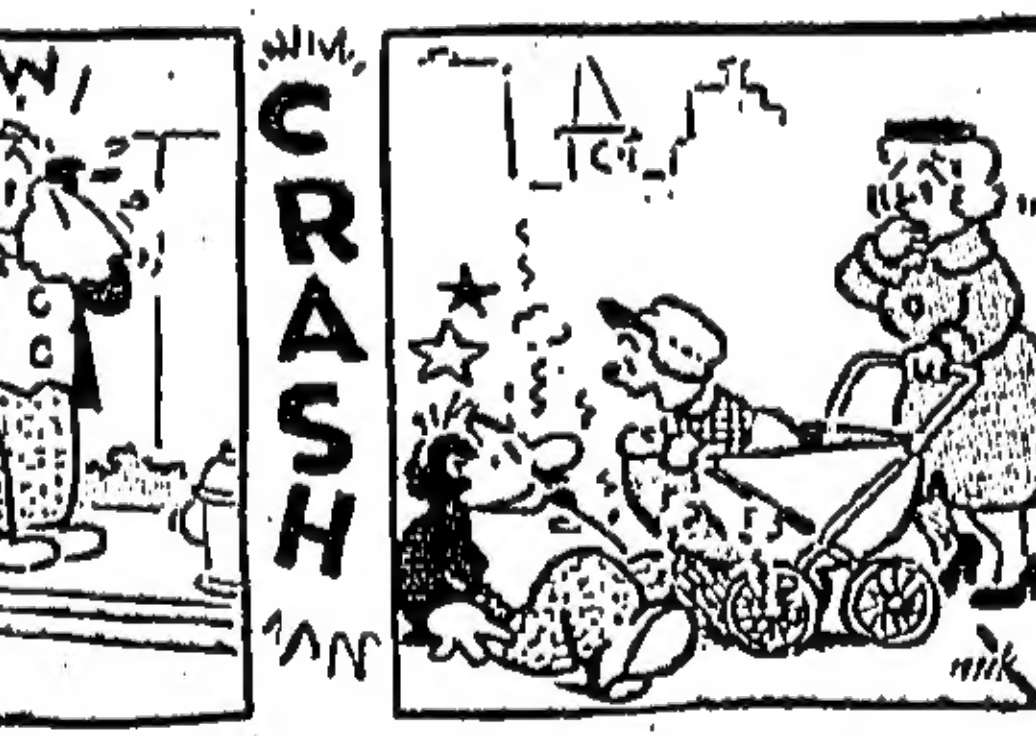
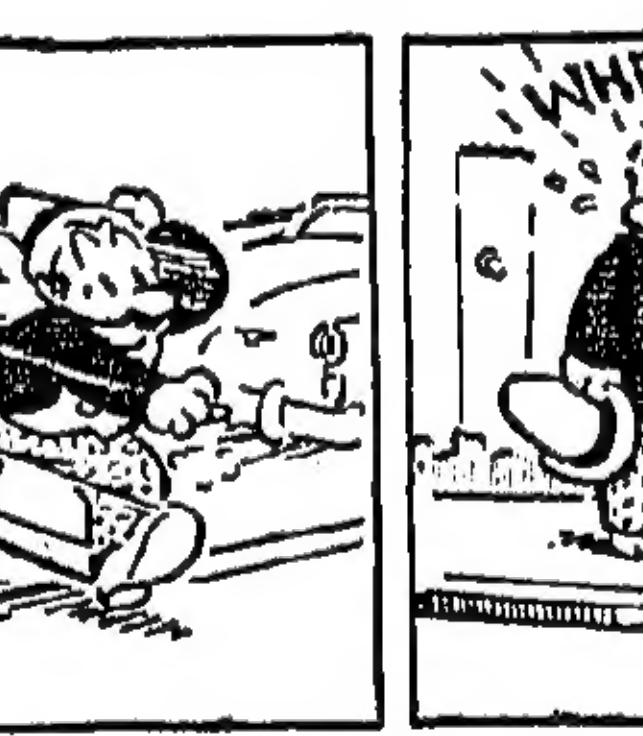
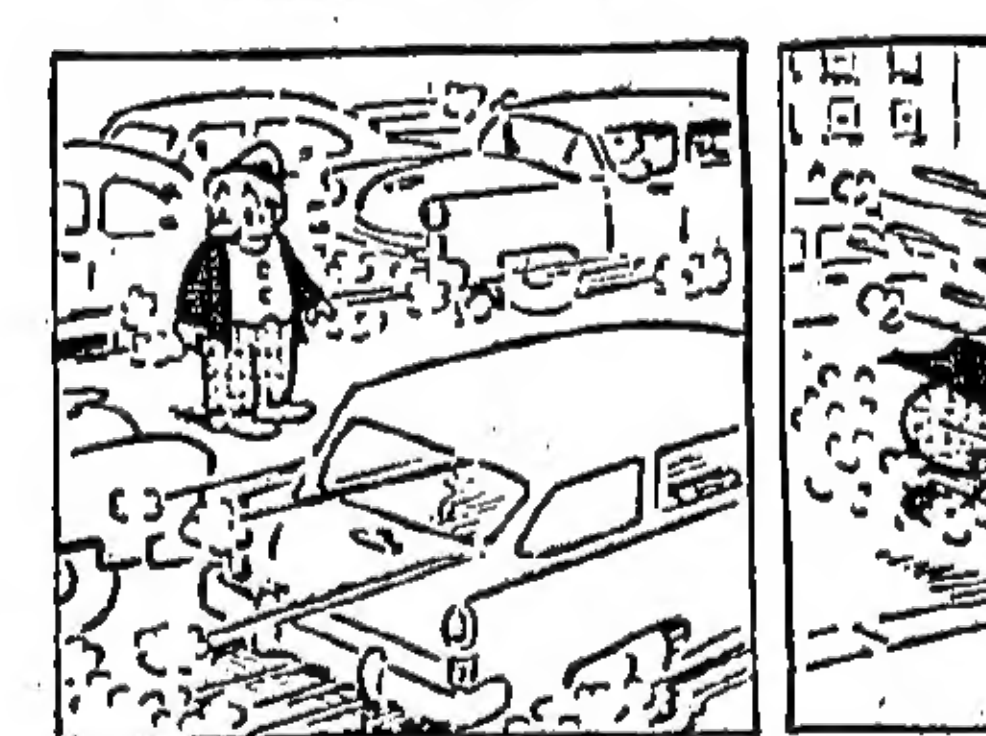


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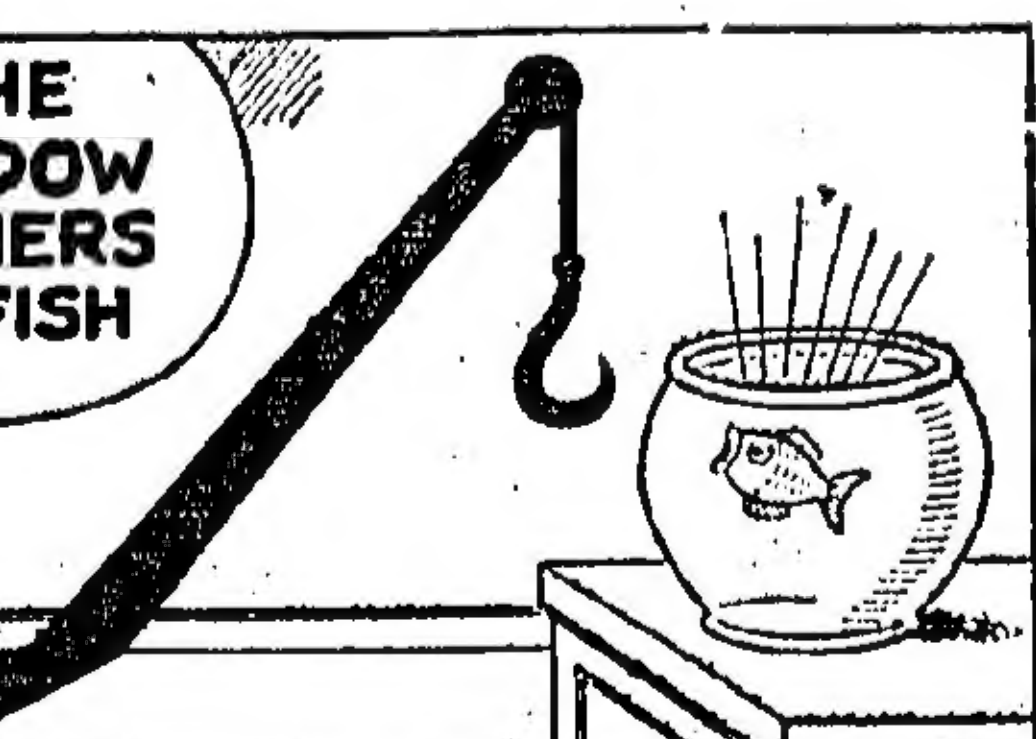
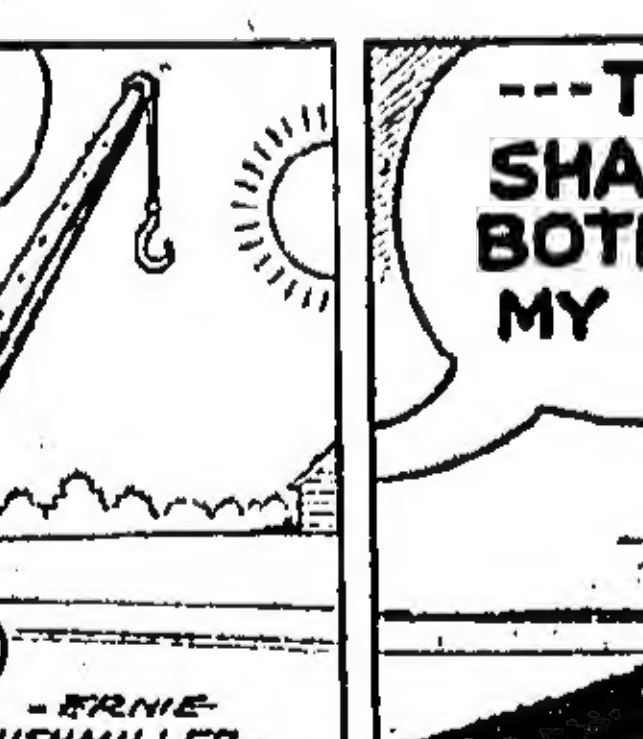


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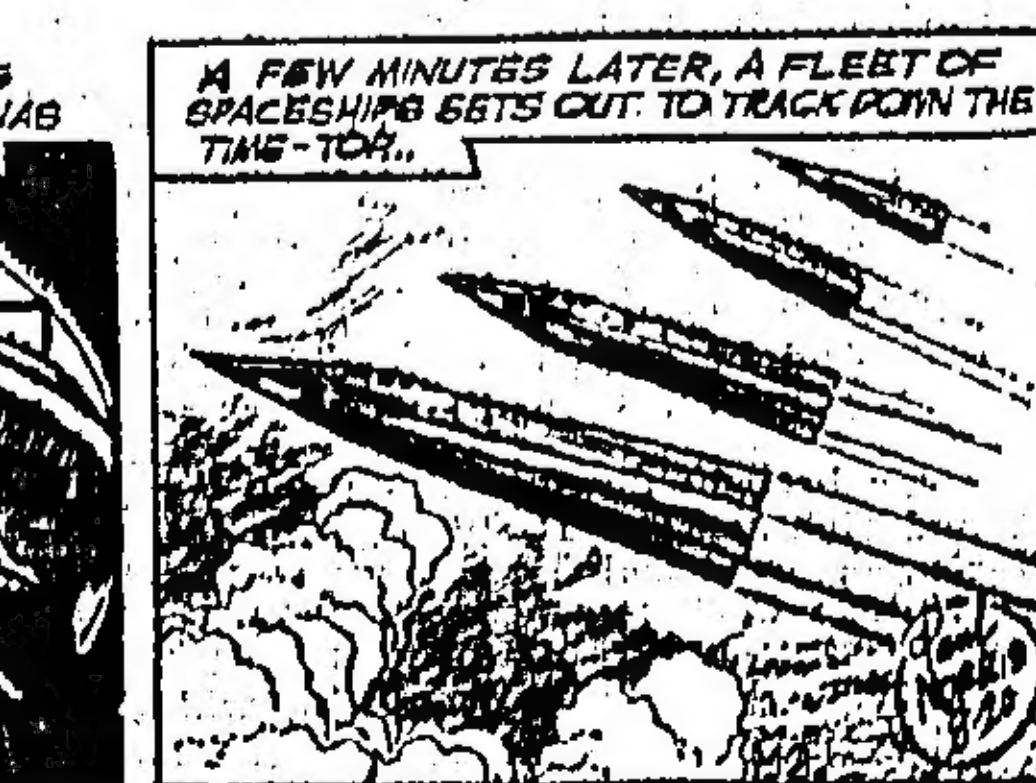
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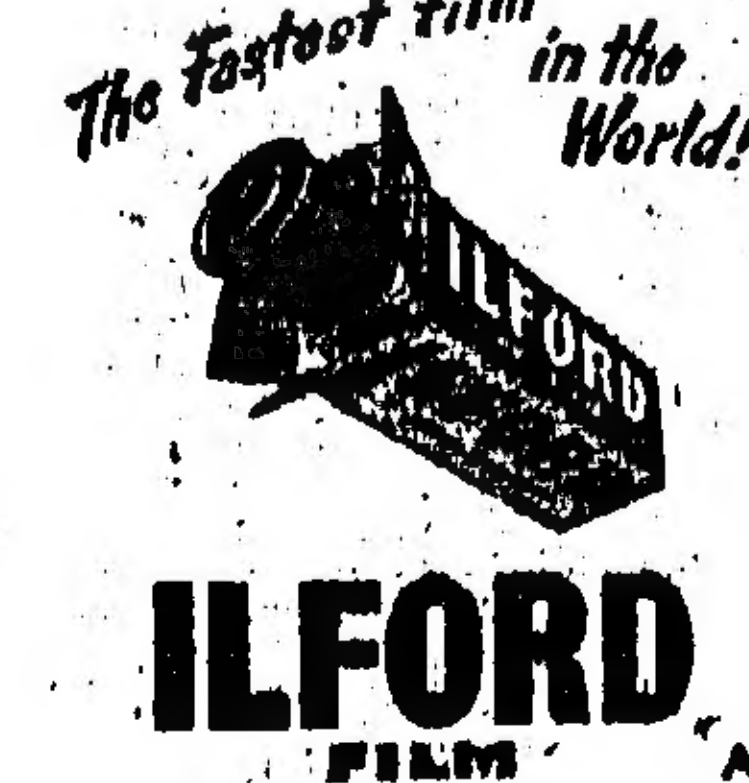


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# HONGKONG'S MILD WINTER

## Professor says 'not completely abnormal'

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Sunshine twenty-four hours a day in the heart of Russia. . . Impossible? Far from it. As a matter of fact Soviet scientists have been working for the last few years on revolutionary methods of changing their climate. "They know how to do it and it may be in the very near future that Russia will have no winter," Professor S. G. Davis of the Hongkong University revealed yesterday.

The China Mail interviewed Professor Davis to find out just what was the cause of Hongkong's extremely mild winter this year. Many reports from scientists in Australia, where the country has been hit by blinding heat-waves, state that the world is becoming a hotter place. One leading Australian professor predicted that summer points would rise from five to ten degrees.

### Variability

However Professor Davis remained more conservative in his predictions. "Hongkong's winter this year definitely has been extremely mild," he said.

"But there is nothing really to indicate that the trend is completely abnormal."

"Hongkong is one place in the world that undergoes a tremendous weather variability. The world could be undergoing a complete weather change or it could be just a cycle," he added.

What about the hydrogen and atom bomb explosions? "They could have had some effect, but personally I don't think so."

However, the point that Professor Davis stressed was that if the weather trend is not changing naturally it certainly can be changed by man.

### Can work

"The Russians have been working on their bad weather for some years now," Professor Davis said.

"They are not just more theorists because their ideas can definitely work."

"However drastic changes could be more dangerous to the world than all the nuclear weapons invented," he added. "The Russians have devised a

way whereby nuclear fission has been harnessed to melt snow.

"Thousands of small nuclear fission pellets can be shot into the snow and within no time vast areas of snow have melted. But it is even possible to have sun 24 hours a day in any given location."

"The Russians—and for that matter we too—can send big quantities of fine meteoric dust. The dust can be positioned in such a way that the sun's rays are reflected on to any given point."

"In other words, if Russia decided to have sun all the year or part of the year round, it would be possible."

"However, I think most scientists are treading carefully on this score," he added.

### Rain belt

Professor Davis warned that the whole world could be plunged into turmoil if weather experiments got out of hand. "For instance, if Russia did make their weather warmer there would be an immediate build up of pressure."

"This would cause a greater wind activity and cause the world to be thrashed with continual typhoons."

"The Sahara desert could suddenly change into an equatorial rain belt."

"Imagine the tremendous confusion and readjustment that countries would have to undergo during drastic changes."

"Races of people that have been used to cool weather all their lives would suddenly find themselves dying in tropical temperatures."

"The whole thing must be investigated more thoroughly to ensure that mankind does not suffer."

"In the meantime old Mother Nature isn't doing such a bad job."

## 100,000 more homeless a year

People are becoming homeless in Hongkong at the rate of about 100,000 a year, the Family Planning Association of Hongkong estimated today.

In an editorial in its latest quarterly bulletin the FPA said new buildings were being constructed at the "fantastic rate" of 80 a month with domestic accommodation for an additional 50,000 people a year.

But, the editorial pointed out, Hongkong's population increase by birth and immigration was estimated at 150,000 a year. "On these figures the colony has an additional 100,000 homeless people every year."

### NO SCHOOLS

The editorial also pointed out that although a new school was opened every two weeks, there were about 60,000 children whose parents could not afford to send them to school.

The solution must be to check population growth as well as to build more and more houses, schools and hospitals, said the editorial.

Research had established that human beings were multiplying so quickly that the rate threatens to outrun the world's capacity to produce more food.

Food production and human production must therefore be dealt with together.

The editorial said family planning did not do away with children but made sure that each child was a wanted child—and not one of those babies abandoned at the rate of 20 a month.

## Lady Bastyan visits army school

Lady Bastyan paid a visit to St. George's Army School in Kowloon today morning. She was met on her arrival by Mr. J. S. H. Smith, Headmaster of the School.

Lady Bastyan was then taken on a tour of the school during which she met and spoke to teachers and students.

Present during her visit were Lieut-Col T. Hallon, Commanding Officer, R.A.O.C. Hongkong, Lieut-Col R. Beckwith, Royal Army Educational Corp, Mr. J. R. B. Woodworth, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General, Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison, and Maj. L. H. C. Webster, R.A.O.C.

### Nursing Board

Miss Beatrice Chan ceased to be a Member of the Nursing Board consequent upon the resignation of Miss F. White, the Government Gazette notified today.

## TWO PLAYS BY NOEL COWARD

LAST night at 8.30, the Garrison Players took us back to the cosy, intimate surroundings of King George's Hall, and performed for our pleasure and amusement, two pieces from Noel Coward's "Tonight At 8.30."

A very fine audience was assembled as the curtain rose on the railway station waiting room set of "Still Life," the profound trifle which has won universal acclaim as the film, "Brief Encounter."

Now Noel Coward has spent the best part of his life trying to convince the world that he is a witty, brilliant, sophisticated trifle, an iconoclast breaking all the sacred idols of middle class convention.

But comparatively few realise that Coward holds some things in esteem, and none so much as those which touch the lives of ordinary decent people.

Here then, in "Still Life," Coward is taking the suburban cliché, "Nice married people don't fall in love," and showing quite sincerely that hearts can break on the 8.55 to London Bridge, and silent tears can fall on the book borrowed from Booth's subscription library, because of an impossible love affair.

So, I am very sorry to say that the Garrison Players were quite unconvincing in their production of "Still Life." I gained the impression that either they did not understand it, or if they did, they didn't believe in it. Robert Roe, cast as the doctor who falls in love just could not get his teeth into the part.

The lines are there, plus the fade-out scene as he leaves for ever as the garrulous Dolly Messenger (Patricia McVish) blathers on.

Barbara Lawrence, driven to distraction at this point, leaves the waiting room as the express thunders through. The audience should be agitated. Has she, in her misery, thrown herself under the train?

No. Quiet understatement. She returns to her talkative neighbour, and takes up life

again in the hum-drum suburbs. Now this scene was thrown away, and apart from Patricia McVish who just had to talk right on, insensitive to the fact she has stolen the lovers' parting minutes, this tender moment was merely a charade.

Mary Murray gave a nice performance as the station buffet manageress with her phony "refined" manner, and she was supported in this character by her assistant, Gill Davidson.

Michael Tyler was adequate in the role of the ticket collector Romeo, but I am afraid to say, that in the main, the Noel Coward highlights were dimmed by the players.

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How different when the curtain rose on "Ways & Means," that subtle cynical parody of the Jewish set on the spree at the Cote D'Azur.

The pace was fast, the lines cracked out like a machine-gun burst, and the audience were howling with merriment in the first two minutes.

Wood was a perfect two-card trick as the society couple down to their last franc.

The exits and entrances of Tony Marrow, Joyce Hala, Barbara Lawrence, Vic Ladd, and Margaret Howlett, were good.

But the surprise of the evening was the entrance of Douglas Scriven as Stevens, the valet-chauffeur cum romantic, turned thief to recover the lost fortunes of a love affair turned crook.

He was great, as urbane as Mayfair, with all the courtesy for the young couple in distress, of a bank manager suggesting an overdraft. And he played right through without his eyes.

Well, this play brought down the house, and rightly so. It ripped, it soared, it sparked. It was the vintage Champagne of this two course fare of "Tonight At 8.30."



MR BLUCK

## Pacific air fare cut predicted

Air fares across the Pacific will be cut by 15 per cent within the next two years, an always executive forecast yesterday.

He is Mr. D. R. Y. Bluck, Commercial Manager of Cathay Pacific Airways who left yesterday afternoon for Sydney.

Mr. Bluck will spend one week in Australia before going onto the Pacific conference in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Approximately 250 delegates from 15 nations will attend the ninth annual Pacific Air Travel Association conference.

Mr. Bluck said at a press conference yesterday that Pacific air travel would soon follow the trend of Atlantic air travel.

"This coming conference will discuss in part the fare cuts and valuable information will surely result on air travel," he added.

## Prince Peter on TV

Prince Peter of Greece and Denmark will be seen on Television at 7.30 tonight.

Prince Peter, who is visiting the Colony in the course of an extensive tour, will be interviewed by Jack Sloan.

### Tram dividend

The directors of Hongkong Tramways Ltd announced today that at the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders to be held on Tuesday, March 29, 1960, they will recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$1.45 a share for the year to December 31, 1959.

This is an increase of five cents on last year's final.

## Dragged from game and robbed says boy

A 16-year-old schoolboy told the Victoria District Court this morning how he was dragged away from a game of basketball and robbed of his watch.

The boy, Chan Kwok-leung, said that on December 30 he was playing on a recreation ground at the Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Area when he was approached by about four youths, two of whom, grabbed his shoulders and dragged him to a hillside.

There, he said, one youth held him while another snatched his watch.

Before the court was Yan Ying-kuen, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery by two or more persons.

The boy said that he was very frightened at the time as one of the youths had said to him: "Walk forward and keep silent. We will kill you if you say anything." He added that after his watch had been taken, another youth had told him: "Walk forward. Don't look back. If you do we will kill you."

Chan said he did as he was told, but when he had got some distance he looked behind him and saw two people running away. He ran after one of them, but lost him. He and a friend then looked further, and later reported the incident to the Shek Kip Mei Police Post. He was unable to identify the accused.

Police witnesses described how they visited a mansion school in the resettlement area, and as a result of questioning a man there, recovered the boy's wrist watch.

On January 1 they went to a fourth floor room in Shanghai Street, where they found the accused. After questioning he was arrested and later charged with the offence.

Chief Inspector T. W. Wheeler is prosecuting, and the hearing before Judge B. J. Jennings continues.

## Government appointments gazetted

The Government Gazette notified this morning the following appointments, promotions, transfers and postings:

Mr. D. C. C. Trench to be Deputy Colonial Secretary; Mr. Justice J. R. Greig to act as Chief Justice during the absence of Sir Michael Hoag; Mr. Justice O. W. Reece to act as Senior Puisne Judge; Judge W. A. Blair-Kerr to be a temporary additional Puisne Judge; Mr. F. R. Springall to act as a District Judge during the absence of Judge R. H. Mills-Owens.

Mr. C. M. McEwan, Mr. G. W. Parry, Mr. A. G. Brown to be Inspectors of Schools; Miss J. McEwan to be a Sub-Inspector of Schools.

Dr. Ho Wan-chuen to be a Medical Officer; Miss Beatrice Chan ceased to act as Senior Sister Tutor on resumption of duty by Miss F. White; Miss Ivy Woo Mo-ching, Miss Mary Ho Chul-jun, and Miss Rose Chen Jing-hau to be Nursing Sisters; Miss E. M. McGibbon, Matron Class II, ceased to act as Matron Class I, on resumption of duty by Miss J. Brown; Miss D. Paterson, Senior Nursing Sister, ceased to act as Matron Class II.

Mr. M. C. Taylor to be Master (Technical); Mr. R. A. Walters to act as Assistant Chief Building Surveyor during the absence of Mr. P. V. Shaw.

Mr. M. E. Purvis to be Deputy Superintendent of Sanitary Services; Mr. A. W. Fowler and Mr. Lau Tsu-yun to be Assistant Superintendents of Sanitary Services; Mr. Li Wah-hon, and Mr. Leung Sik-hung to be Chief Health Inspectors.

Mr. J. B. Lees, Senior Superintendent of Police, ceased to act as Assistant Commissioner of Police, Hongkong Island, on proceeding on leave; Mr. G. Lays, to act as Assistant Commissioner; Hongkong Island; Sub-Inspector Lin Hing-chiu to be Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr. R. C. Trull to act as Senior Marine Officer during the absence of Mr. W. D. Leighton.

Mr. J. R. Oliver to act as Deputy Registrar.

Mr. F. M. Watson to act as Divisional Officer, Fire Brigade vice Mr. Wong Wai-tai on leave prior to retirement.

Mr. R. V. Talbot-Jones to be a Government Wireless Engineer and Radio Supervisor.

Mr. L. E. A. Holt-Kentwell to be Principal Probation Officer.

### Architect

The name of Mr. Chan Hung-yip has been added to the list of authorised architects, the Government Gazette notified today.

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People were still speaking of the Empire Christmas Day broadcast which had been the most ambitious ever attempted. Television had long since reached perfection and the owner of even the humblest receiver had seen and heard the broadcast.

Local broadcasting had fallen into disrepute because TV broadcasts from Europe, America and Australia to Hongkong were perfect.

Few people, for this reason, went to the cinemas although they still attracted patrons because of the introduction of wide-range screening and this dimension which gave the image on the screen a life-like appearance.

The medical world, following the research of the forties had conquered disease relying on electronic bombardment of cancer and other diseases to effect safe and lasting cures.

The slogan of Imperial Airways was "Breakfast in London—Dinner in Melbourne."

Powerful directional short-wave beams had been successfully shot at Mars.

Scientists had succeeded in splitting the atom and, simply by adding electrons to atoms of hydrogen, they made oxygen, silver, lead and gold, etc.

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I. H. Geare and G. T. May held in one on the Old Course at Fanning on Sunday.

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AN elevated railway, the dream of Mr. Sidney J. Powell, prominent Shanghai engineer, to relieve the pressure of traffic in the city, is nearing actuality after ten years of discussion.

Coincident with the fact that authorities of the Settlement, Concession and Shanghai City Government are in conference regarding traffic conditions in general and an elevated railway in particular, is the fact that a group of international bankers are considering Mr. Powell's proposed system.

The bankers have indicated they would be willing to invest US\$5 million in the project provided proper co-operation could be obtained.